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Welcome to the Sprint to State newsletter!

Below is the information you need to set your chapter up for success for a great State Leadership and Skills Conference.

State Leadership and Skills Conference

Jan. 8: Recommended State Membership Registration Deadline

Jan. 9: Registration Opens

Jan. 9: Hotel Planner Opens

Jan. 12: Community Service Form Due

Jan. 19: Advisor of the Year Application Deadline

Jan. 23: Registration Closes

Jan. 23: Hotel Planner Deadline

Jan. 23: Hotel Transportation Form Due

Jan. 25: Invoices Emailed to Advisors

Jan. 26: SLSC Invoice Emailed to Registered Advisors (Date change from Jan. 25)

Jan. 29: Testing Opens

Feb. 2: Submission Deadline for National Anthem Singer
Feb. 9: Testing Closes
Feb. 9: Payment Due
Feb. 9: Assurance and Advisor Code of Conduct Forms Due
Feb. 16 Pre-Submission Contests Deadlines
Feb. 16: Resume Uploads Due

ADA Needs

If you have a student competitor who requires ADA accommodations, please complete the ADA Accommodations Form [here](#).

Please complete this form by **Friday, February 9, 2024**.

Testing

Proctor Form

A proctor form is required for online testing. Please see the Proctor Form and upload link on the Testing/Resume webpage [here](#).

Testing Window

All competition testing (including the PD test) will be conducted online on the following dates

- January 29 - February 9
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Professional Development Test

Every competitor is required to take the PD test with five exceptions:

1. Action Skills
2. Building Maintenance
3. Community Action Project

4. Employment Application Process
5. Middle School Competitors

Student emails have been sent with testing information. If your student competitor did not receive an email and they have required online test(s), please call the SkillsUSA Customer Care Team (CCT). The CCT's information can be found [here](#).

Resume Upload Information

Resumes are required to be uploaded by **February 16th at 5:00 p.m.**

Competitors will upload their resumes here: [Resume Submission](#)

SLSC Invoices

Invoices were emailed to advisors on Saturday, January 27. If you did not receive the invoice, please check with your other registered advisors, or check your junk folder.

If you have any questions regarding your invoice, please contact bookkeeping@skillsusageorgia.org.

Hotel Assignments

Hotel assignments have been sent to advisors. Please click on your hotel's webpage below to access the invoice template and the hotel contact information:

[Omni Hotel](#)

[Signia Hotel](#)

[American DoubleTree Hotel](#)

At the end of the hotel webpage, you will find the "Advisor Hotel Information Form." Please complete this form by **Friday, February 9, 2024**.

No cancellations to hotel reservations or room nights can be made without being charged room and tax. No shows will be billed one night's room and tax.

Competition Updates

Competition Updates can be found [here](#).

Please make sure that you are keeping up with national and state competition updates.

Adult Guest Pass

The SkillsUSA Georgia State Leadership & Skills Conference events are open to all paid, registered members of the conference. Only the events listed below are open to the public and require a pass to attend. The pass only includes entry, no meal ticket, t-shirt, or any other SLSC conference materials will be provided.

- Opening General Session
- Career Competition
- Career Expo
- Awards Ceremony

Advisors and chaperones should be registered with their chapter. Parents and/or guests will register with the link provided to advisors. Registration cost is \$25. The guest name badge will be placed in the school registration packet. It will be up to the chapter to disperse the name tag to the individual guest.

Priority seating will be given to students and teachers at the Opening Ceremony and the Awards Ceremony.

To purchase an Adult Guest Pass, click [here](#).

Judges Needed for Leadership Competitions

If you know someone who would make a great judge, please forward the below information to them.

Judges can sign up here: [SkillsUSA Georgia Judges' Information 2024](#)

Judges,

Please mark your calendar for Friday, February 23, 2024 when the SkillsUSA Georgia's State Leadership and Skills Conference will be held at the Omni Hotel and the Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC) in Atlanta with contests beginning at 8:00. We need over 100 judges to cover all of the Leadership Contests and welcome you to invite co-workers or friends who may be able to assist. (see below)

Many of you have judged in the past and we hope you will continue to support these competitors from across the state. If you are new to our conference, you will meet some of the very best high school students in Georgia. These SkillsUSA competitors have prepared for months and some for years for their individual competitions. We strive to give all competitors the opportunity to be judged by some of the best professionals in Georgia - and you are one of those professionals. We would consider it an honor if you would serve as a Leadership Contest judge and allow our students the opportunity to demonstrate their skills at this amazing event.

If you are able to assist, simply click [here](#) or select the button below, fill in all required areas, then submit. If possible, please submit by February 1, 2024. You will be contacted by February 13, 2024 to confirm the schedule and supply you with all details. If the link does not work, please email me and I will send you a copy of the form to fill out. Please feel free to email Debbie Peabody (dpeabody@skillsusageorgia.org) if you have any questions.



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