



# THE GOLDEN CHALLENGE

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2018 SKILLSUSA  
NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS CONFERENCE

**STUDENT INFORMATION PACKET**



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TO: State Leadership and Skills Conference Gold Medalist

FROM: Ashley Brown, State Director

RE: National Leadership and Skills Conference 2018

Congratulations on your achievements during the State Leadership and Skills Conference! Please consider this your invitation to join us for the **54<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC), Monday, June 25 – Saturday, June 29, 2018** in Louisville, Kentucky. Enclosed in this packet you will find the necessary information to prepare for the conference. Arrange travel so that you plan for arrival during the day on Monday and departure on Saturday. **You will need to work with your local chapter advisor to complete all information for registration, housing, travel as well as conference expenses.** For complete information and conference updates, please visit the National SkillsUSA website at: <http://www.skillsusa.org/events/nlsc.shtml>

Should you or your parents have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the SkillsUSA Georgia State Office at 866-503-3169. I look forward to enjoying the National Leadership and Skills Conference with you!

### **Included In This Packet:**

- Youth Development Foundation (YDF) Scholarship Agreement Form
  - Sample thank you letter
- National Voting Delegate Application
  - Agenda

**\*\*Please pay special attention to deadlines in the YDF agreement form.**

## SkillsUSA Georgia 2018 Youth Development Scholarship Agreement

Please read carefully before signing this agreement.  
Keep a copy of this completed agreement for your records.

Contestant Information – PRINT or TYPE			
Name		School	
Contest		Email	
Home Address		Home Phone	
Home City, State, ZIP		Cell Phone	
Advisor Information (List name of advisor traveling with student) – PRINT or TYPE			
Name		Email	
School Address		School Phone	
School City, State, ZIP		Cell Phone	

**NOTICE:** All team events – each member of the team is individually responsible for completing this agreement. Failure to do so will result in a prorated scholarship amount being awarded to the team.

**Advisors:** If for some reason this student does not attend NLSC, all YDF money paid to your school will need to be returned immediately.

**This scholarship will be paid in two installments both made payable to the SkillsUSA chapter.** Fifty percent of the scholarship will be paid upon receipt by April 27, 2018. The other 50% will be paid no later than July 30, 2018 given that you complete all the necessary requirements below:

- April 27, 2018: This form (make a copy for your records first) and your sponsor thank you letter are due. **If you do not submit this form and a copy of the sponsor thank you letter by the due date then you forfeit the entire scholarship.** You must submit a copy to SkillsUSA Georgia, 3760 Sixes Road Suite 126 #249 Canton, GA 30114. Mail the original sponsor thank you letter directly to the sponsor. Advisors should proof read the letter. If the thank you letter is not of good quality it is to the discretion of the state office to NOT give students their scholarship.
- June 25, 2018: Arrive in Louisville, KY for NLSC with all necessary items to compete. This includes official contest dress, tools, a copy of the contest technical standards (provided in this packet), a copy of the PDP test (provided in this packet) and your resume.
- June 25, 2018: Attend State Meeting in contest attire and bring your copy of the technical standards contest, PDP test and resume. These items will be checked by a SkillsUSA staff/volunteer member. Meeting will begin at 8PM.
- June 25, 2018: Take the PDP Test immediately following the state meeting.
- June 25, 2018: Complete a Louisville postcard to your sponsor during the State Meeting (postcard will be supplied for you).
- June 26, 2018: Attend your Contest Orientation Meeting.
- June 26, 2018: Attend Opening General Session.
- June 27 & 28, 2018: Arrive at competition on time, in proper attire and with necessary materials.
- June 29, 2018: Attend Awards Ceremony.
- June 29, 2018: Attend State Awards Dinner.
- June 29, 2018: Complete photo card before departure (if applicable).
- Post NLSC – The Individual Competitor Score will be evaluated to determine if a Clothing Penalty was assessed (if so then the remainder of the scholarship may be in jeopardy).
- July 6, 2018: Student and advisor must complete separate surveys about NLSC competitions. Survey link will be sent out.
- July 6, 2018: Post NLSC thank you letter to your sponsor is due by this date (suggestion: write the letter using the computers and wifi at the hotel on Friday during the NLSC, email it to yourself or advisor so that it can be mailed when you return home). You must submit a copy to SkillsUSA Georgia, 3760 Sixes Road Suite 126 #249 Canton, GA 30114. Upon receipt, the remaining funds will be released. **Agreements that are unfulfilled by July 7 will be voided and the scholarship funds reissued to the Youth Development Foundation.**

**\*\*If you medal in your contest, you will receive a \$50 bonus. This check will be paid to the competitor.**

By signing below, I agree to complete the items listed above by the due dates, compete at the time specified, be in attire that conforms to SkillsUSA National dress code, attend all meetings (attendance will be checked), and will bring necessary items in exchange for the NLSC travel scholarship being offered by the SkillsUSA Georgia Youth Development Foundation. **I understand that by not completing the above tasks by the time specified that I have forfeited my rights to the scholarship funds.**

_____ Signature of Competitor	_____ Signature of Advisor	_____ Signature of Guardian
To receive your scholarship please mail a signed copy of this form and a copy of your sponsor thank you letter to SkillsUSA Georgia, 3760 Sixes Rd. Suite 126 #249 Canton, GA 30114, <b>no later than April 27, 2018.</b>		

Erin Studstill  
Eagles Landing High School  
301 Tunis Road  
McDonough, GA 30253

March 27, 2018

Ms. Debra Howell  
Georgia Power  
241 Ralph McGill Boulevard NE  
Atlanta, GA 30308

Dear Ms. Howell:

I greatly appreciate the travel sponsorship that Georgia Power has made available to me for the purpose of attending the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. Your generosity will allow me to focus on continuing to grow my skills in Related Technical Math, instead of having to worry about how I will fund my trip.

SkillsUSA has allowed me to grow from a shy freshman to a rising senior who now has the confidence to compete on the national level. I have learned leadership skills that will help me tremendously as I further my education. As a senior, I am planning on applying to Georgia Tech in the fall, where I hope to major in mechanical engineering. I will take the lessons I have learned in SkillsUSA with me for the rest of my life, and I will also be able to look back on the memory of the times that I was able to compete against the best high school students in the state. SkillsUSA has taught me to be a champion in the world of work.

I hope to represent myself, my chapter, my state and you to the best of my abilities as I strive for a national gold medallion. Again, thank you for support of SkillsUSA Georgia. Please know that your heartfelt generosity is impacting my life tremendously as I prepare to be a SkillsUSA champion, and for that I am truly thankful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E. Studstill".

Erin Studstill

This is a sample envelope showing where the return and the recipient's addresses are, as well as the stamp.

Eagles Landing High School  
301 Tunis Road  
McDonough, GA 30253  
(return address)



Ms. Debra Howell  
Georgia Power  
241 Ralph McGill Boulevard NE  
Atlanta, GA 30308  
*(inside address)*



# National Voting Delegate Application



**PLEASE FILL OUT AND EMAIL TO THE STATE OFFICE.**

abrown@skillsusageorgia.org

**FIRST NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LAST NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CTAE PROGRAM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY, STATE, ZIP**

**CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MOBILE PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADVISOR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADVISOR PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADVISOR EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HAVE YOU ATTENDED A SKILLSUSA EVENT BEFORE? IF YES, WHICH?**

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## **Application Deadline is April 13, 2018.**

- Provide 2 letters of recommendation: one from your SkillsUSA advisor, and one from your administrator.
- Prepare and attach to the application a 300-500 word essay on why you would like to represent SkillsUSA Georgia on the national level serving as a voting delegate.

Note: You and/or your SkillsUSA Chapter are responsible for travel, registration, Activate Training, and meal costs to and from the National Leadership and Skills Conference. If selected, your school must arrive on Friday, June 22 for the voting delegate to attend Activate Training.

Please email this application to abrown@skillsusageorgia.org by April 15th to be accepted as a candidate for National Voting Delegate. No faxed or emailed applications will be accepted.



# National Voting Delegate Application

**PLEASE FILL OUT AND EMAIL TO THE STATE OFFICE.**

abrown@skillsusageorgia.org

### Selection Process:

- Complete the application
- Provide two letters of recommendation: one from your SkillsUSA advisor and one from your administrator
- Prepare and attach to the application a 300-500 word essay on why you would like to represent SkillsUSA Georgia on the national level serving as a voting delegate
- Email your completed application to SkillsUSA Georgia no later than April 13th
- Applications will be viewed by SkillsUSA Georgia Personnel
- The number of voting delegates to be chosen may vary year-to-year and will depend on the number of slots available
- Announcement of National Voting Delegates will be communicated via email to the advisor and student
- Register your voting delegate by April 27, 2018.

### Agreement:

**I hereby understand that if I should be selected to serve as a SkillsUSA Georgia National Voting Delegate that:**

- I must complete the attached application with all information being complete and legible
- I must provide two letters of recommendation: one from your SkillsUSA advisor and one from your administrator
- I must and attach to the application a 300-500 word essay on why you would like to represent SkillsUSA Georgia on the national level serving as a voting delegate
- If selected, I understand that I must attend ALL delegate meetings during the National Leadership and Skills Conference, and participate in all of the discussions.
- I must have at least a grade point average of a "C" or better in each class academic and CTAE to fulfill the requirements of a delegate member

**My SkillsUSA chapter/school understands that they are responsible for and agree to pay all costs associated with the National Leadership and Skills Conference (including registration fees, lodging, meals, and training) for me as a National Voting Delegate.**

_____ Your Name	_____ Your Signature	_____ Date
_____ Parent/Guardian's Name	_____ Parent/Guardian's Signature	_____ Date
_____ Advisor Name	_____ Advisor Signature	_____ Date
_____ Administrator Name	_____ Administrator Signature	_____ Date



# 2018 Condensed Agenda

*(Tentative – Subject to Change)*

## Monday, June 25

7 a.m. – SkillsUSA Championships move-in  
8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Leverage, Activate and Engage  
9 a.m. – State Directors’ Meeting  
12 p.m. – 6 p.m. – SkillsUSA Store Grand Opening  
2 p.m. Contest Chairs Meeting

11:45 a.m. – College/Postsecondary First Delegate Meeting  
2:30 p.m. – SkillsUSA Corporate Meeting  
6 p.m. – 9 p.m. – Models of Excellence Dinner  
7 p.m. – Champions Festival Night at Fourth Street Live  
(President’s Volunteer Service Award winners recognized on stage)

## Tuesday, June 26

7:30 a.m. – International Degree Interviews  
7:30 a.m. – Contestant Changes (all must be completed by noon)  
7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. – SkillsUSA Store open  
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. – TAG Tuesday (Delegates)  
9 a.m. – Noon – Advisor of the Year Interviews  
9:30 a.m. – National Officer Candidate Procedure  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. – SkillsUSA TECHSPO  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. – SkillsUSA Championships Open to Registered Attendees  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. – Contestant Orientation Meetings  
12 p.m. – 6 p.m. – Set up display event, exhibits and check in notebooks  
4 p.m. – Reception with Business Partners  
7 p.m. – Opening Ceremony

## Thursday, June 28

7:30 a.m. – Contestants report to contest area  
7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. – SkillsUSA Store open  
8 a.m. – Leadership contests finals  
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. – SkillsUSA Championships Open to the Public  
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. – SkillsUSA TECHSPO  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. – SkillsUSA University  
1 p.m. – High School and College/Postsecondary Delegates Business Meeting  
2 p.m. – Meet the Candidates Session  
3 p.m. – High School Delegates Regional Vice President Primary Vote (if needed)  
6 p.m. – 7 p.m. – Chapter Distinction Reception Registration  
6:30 p.m. – 10 p.m. – “SkillsUSA Night” at Kentucky Kingdom  
7 p.m. – 9 p.m. – Chapter of Distinction Celebration (No admittance once program begins)

## Wednesday, June 27

7:30 a.m. – International Degree Interviews  
7:30 a.m. – Leadership contestants report to contest area  
7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. – SkillsUSA Store open  
7:45 a.m. – Advisors Continental Breakfast  
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. – SkillsUSA Championships Open to the Public  
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. – SkillsUSA TECHSPO  
8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. – A Call to Action Teachers’ Session  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. – Models of Excellence Interviews  
9:30 a.m. – Delegate Training  
10 a.m. – Middle School and High School First Delegate Meeting  
10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. – SkillsUSA University  
11 a.m. – Joint Delegate Session  
11:30 a.m. – Middle School and High School Lunch (on your own)

## Friday, June 29

7 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Community Service Project  
8 a.m. – SkillsUSA Championships Move-out  
9 a.m. – State Directors’ Breakfast  
9 a.m.-4 p.m. – SkillsUSA University  
10 a.m. – State Directors Business Meeting  
10 a.m.-3 p.m. – Meet the Employer  
10:30 a.m. – High School and College/Postsecondary Delegate Business Meeting  
10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – ASTS Business Meeting and Teachers Luncheon  
11:30 a.m. Meet the Candidates Session  
12 p.m. High School and College/Postsecondary Delegates Final Ballot Voting  
5 p.m. – Awards Ceremony