

Thank you for interest in SkillsUSA Georgia and welcome to SkillsUSA! We welcome your involvement in SkillsUSA Georgia and SkillsUSA. The SkillsUSA National nonprofit served over 335,975 students and teachers last year while our Georgia Chapter served more than 7,200 members statewide answering the call of business and industry by helping to produce better prepared employees for the technical work force.

We would like to make your experience as a new advisor not only gratifying but as painless as possible. Below are several on-line resources to aide you as you start your year.

- The **Membership Kit** is available on line at www.skillsusa.org/join/materials.shtml. *Please read through this material for detailed information on how to register your school and students as an official Skills Chapter.*
- You may also receive the Membership Kit in hard copy form. In order to receive a copy please contact the National Office, www.skillsusa.org. You will also find additional helpful information on the **national website** at www.skillsusa.org.

Of course your best source of information is through our state staff and you may reach us as needed at the contact information below:

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You will find the latest information, including upcoming event dates, for our state on our website:
<http://www.skillsusageorgia.org/conferences.php>.

Dues for Georgia are as follows:

	National	State	Total
Student	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$15.00
Professional	\$14.00	\$7.00	\$21.00

State Membership deadline for dues is March 1, 2016.

National Full Membership Services Deadline: Nov. 14, 2015

You must meet both the state and national deadlines to be eligible for national competition, serve as voting delegates or national officer candidates.

Once enrolled, your chapter can run various SkillsUSA activities and enter the regional, state or national competitions. You can run community service projects and a variety of other activities using the national program of work. We do not mandate how you run the local program. However, each student must be an active member before competing in the state and national championships.

We encourage you to join SkillsUSA as a professional member which will give you access to SkillsUSA Champions magazine, membership incentives, scholarships opportunities for your students and many more benefits. And always remember, if you join as a professional member you are setting a great example for your students to also join as members of SkillsUSA.

Membership recruitment resources can be located at the links below. There are several documents you can personalize including brochures, flyers, letters and even a PowerPoint. In addition, the following from the website might be helpful.

Brochure: <http://www.skillsusa.org/educators/brochures.shtml>

Member interest survey: <http://www.skillsusa.org/downloads/PDF/chapter/MemIntSurvey.pdf>
Member information
form: <http://www.skillsusa.org/downloads/PDF/memberkit/MemberCollectionForm.pdf>

Other resources you might want to check out are:

Starting and Developing Your Chapter: <http://www.skillsusa-register.org>
Basics of Running a Chapter: www.skillsusa.org/educators/chapmanage.shtml
SkillsUSA Overview Modules: www.skillsusa.org/educators/index.shtml
SkillsUSA Championships: www.skillsusa.org/compete/index.shtml