



**2026 WISCONSIN SKILLSUSA
STATE LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS CONFERENCE**
Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI
April 7th & 8th, 2026

For competitive event updates and more, see our [website](#)
Updates will not be emailed to your school.

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Important Conference Information

* Please Read Carefully *

1. CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES AND DEADLINES

All chapters and students must be officially registered members in order to attend and participate.
The National Membership Deadline is March 1st.

Registration January 12th – February 28th:

- High School Competitors, Observers and all Advisors- **\$100.00**
 - ALL advisors must register for the State Conference.
 - Advisors who volunteer at State Conference will have their registration fees waived - Must sign up through [Volunteer Form on our website](#).
- Middle School Competitors & Observers - **\$80.00**

Registration Fee includes:
Wednesday Lunch, Insurance,
Materials and Supplies

To make the State
Conference a quality
experience for Wisconsin's
Students.

Free Registrations for the following Non-Competing Students:

- The following are the only people who will be registered as Exempt Registrants
 - State Officers not competing in an event
 - State Officers Candidate not competing in an event
 - Two Voting Delegates per chapter not competing in an event
 - Note: Exempt Registrants do not qualify for Subs in Contests

Free Registrations for the following Advisors: **Advisors who volunteer to assist with the State Conference will get free registration. Use the “Event Volunteer-NO FEE” [and](#) fill out the volunteer form, link on our [website](#) or [here](#).**

REGISTRATION CHEAT SHEET

Student or Advisor?	Competing?	Volunteer?	Registration Date	Cost	Select Registrant Type:
H.S. Student	Yes	---	1/12/26 - 2/28/26	\$100	Contestant
M.S. Student	Yes	---	1/12/26 - 2/28/26	\$80	Contestant-Middle School
H.S. Student	No	No	1/12/26 - 2/28/26	\$100	Observer
M.S. Student	No	No	1/12/26 - 2/28/26	\$80	Observer-Middle School
H.S. or M.S. Student	No	Yes	1/12/26 - 2/28/26	\$0	Exempt State Officer, Candidate or Voting Delegate
Advisors	No	No	1/12/26 - 2/28/26	\$100	Advisor
Advisors	No	Yes	1/12/26 - 2/28/26	\$0	Exempt Volunteer - NO FEE must fill out form
Chaperones/Adults	No	No	1/12/26 - 2/28/26	\$100	Observer

2. CONTEST ENROLLMENT GUIDELINES

All Contests are on a **First Come First Serve basis** along with set enrollment limitations.

- Contest number limits will be implemented in high-demand contests
- Any limits added are there to help ensure fair and reasonable judging
 - We want to make it worth judges' time to come in.
 - We don't want to overwhelm the judges.

Registering for Multiple Contests:

A SINGLE CONTESTANT MAY COMPETE IN ONE LEADERSHIP OR OCCUPATIONAL AND ONE SKILLED COMPETITION!

- All contests will be categorized by Skilled, Leadership, or Occupational.
- Advisors are responsible for coordinating students schedules, it may NOT be possible to participate in multiple contests according to certain schedules. Advisors may also need to attend Contest Briefings if students in multiple contests have briefings at the same time.

Cancellations:

- **All cancellations/substitutions by March 19th** Email Form (page 13) to wisconsinskillsusa@gmail.com
- After March 17th all forms must be brought to Registration on April 7th for cancellations/substitutions.

Refunds:

- Cancellations for a full refund will be accepted until 4:00 PM on February 28th.
- No refunds for conference registration will be made if received after 4:00 PM on February 28th.

3. NO SHOWS

- Contestants who do not show for a contest time slot will forfeit their registration and competition slot.

4. SUBSTITUTIONS

- The definition of a Substitution is Student B will replace Student A in Contest A - All Substitutions must already be signed up as a paying Contestant or Observer. You can't add anyone new after **February 28th**.
- All substitutions must be in writing, no later than day of conference by 12:00 pm on **April 7th**– using form WLSC Form 8 (page 13).
- Students can ONLY Sub for a Student missing due to an unexpected emergency, NO Adds are allowed.

5. CONFERENCE REGISTRATION PROCESS AND PAYMENTS

All Registrations will be completed on the [National Registration Website](#).

Online Registration Process:

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE REGISTERED MEMBERS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER FOR CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION.

- Log in at www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx
- Click on “Conference” on the right side
- Go to filter events and highlight “WI HS - State Leadership & Skills Conference 2026.”
- Click on “Add Registrant”. Make sure all names are spelled correctly, nametags are uploaded directly from registration. Name misspellings must be corrected by a member of the national office. Contact National Customer Care at customercare@skillsusa.org or 844-875-4557.
- You must register an Advisor or Chaperone, it is recommended 1 per 25 students.
- Click the “Submit Registration” button to generate an invoice.
- Once you hit “Submit Registration”, you can't make additional changes. Make sure everything is complete before you submit. If you need changes after you submit, contact wisconsinskillsusa@gmail.com
- **Please Note:** If a registrant's name does not appear in the invoice, they will not have a name tag and/or competition number when they arrive.

Registration Payments:

REGISTRATION FEES ARE DUE BY **APRIL 7th**

- If you are unable to send the fees, contact Tabettha Otten at Tabetha.otten@dpi.wi.gov or (608) 266-3928 to make arrangements for payment.
- Please Make Checks Payable to:
Wisconsin Association of SkillsUSA
- Please Mail Registration fees and invoices to:
WI Association of SkillsUSA
Attn.: CTSO Accountant
P.O. Box 7841
Madison, WI 53707-7841

Registration and contest questions should be addressed to wisconsinskillsusa@gmail.com

6. STATE CONTEST RULES & CONFERENCE UPDATES

- [State Updates](#) – Bottom of that page – last update will be March 20th, 2026
- [State Only Contests](#) - Guidelines for State Only Events
- [National Contests Updates](#)
- [National Technical Standards](#) can be found <https://skillsusa.pathful.com/>.

7. CONFERENCE CHECK- IN

Check In from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Tuesday, April 7th at the Alliant Energy Center Hall D Box Office.

8. FORMS

No forms are required at check-in unless a substitute Advisor/Chaperone is attending, or there is a student competition substitute or cancellation.

Student Substitute & Cancellation Form WLSC 8

- Substitute & Cancellation Form requires Advisor signature.
- This document is to be used for all substitutions and cancellations.
- All substitute contestants must be official SkillsUSA Wisconsin members and registered for SLSC by February 28, 2026, as a contestant or observer. Delegates and non-paying registrants are not eligible as substitutes.

Local Advisor Procedures and Responsibilities FORM WLSC 1B

- Fill out the original Advisor/Chaperone form if Registration has changed from the time registration was made, please fill out and turn into Registration.

Grievance Form: There are specific procedures to be followed if any contestant or advisor has a grievance regarding one of the contests. There is a strict deadline for filing a grievance.

- If you need to file a grievance at SLSC, please visit the conference registration desk to pick up a form.

9. ADVISORS PROCEDURES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

In case of emergency, it is very important that we have your contact information and contact information for an administrator.

RESPONSIBILITIES of ADVISORS

1. Advisors must ensure that every student attending the State SkillsUSA Conference has reviewed, discussed, signed, and submitted the [Conference Registration, Personal and Liability Release Form](#). This is completed automatically in the Registration System when you sign them up.
2. Advisors must always know where their students are. Please set expectations with students before the conference to ensure this requirement is followed.
3. Advisors must carry a student list with parent/guardian names and home phone numbers at the

conference.

4. Curfew is enforced, and advisors are responsible for verifying that students are in their assigned rooms.
5. The use of tobacco, vaping products, alcoholic beverages, or drugs is strictly prohibited.
6. Conference badges will be worn at all SkillsUSA activities.
7. Advisors are responsible for delegates' conduct and must always be available, or provide another advisor/chaperone who is.
8. The local principal, designated administrator, and/or police will be contacted in emergency situations if the local advisor cannot be reached within a reasonable time or is unable to provide adequate supervision. Student emergencies include accidents, possession of tobacco or vaping products, drugs, or alcohol, violations of conference rules, family emergencies, and any other situations deemed emergencies.

10. STATE OFFICER CANDIDATES & VOTING DELEGATES

We encourage each high school chapter to present at least one candidate for State Office and two Voting Delegates. The State Officer Packet and Application are found on our [website](#). State Officer Candidates and Voting Delegates may register at no cost if they are not competing, but they cannot be used as substitutes in any event.

State Office Candidate Requirements:

- A registered SkillsUSA member during the current school year
- Enrolled in a technology and engineering course in the current and next year
- Application to be submitted to the State office by March 1st, 2026.
- Must be present for Officer Candidate Screening on April 7th, 2026 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
 - Officer Candidates may only be entered in contests if there are no scheduling conflicts with this screening and must be signed up as a contestant.

11. TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING FEES

NEW in 2026 - Dane County is enforcing parking fees for all events. **Gate Parking: Cars \$10/day, Bus Parking \$30/day.** Alliant Energy Center campus, is allowing attendees to pre-purchase parking to expedite access to the event. Attendees can purchase their parking ahead of time at: <https://www.alliantenergycenter.com/directions-accommodations/parking>.

Bus Transportation will be provided at no cost from the Alliant Energy Center to Madison College on Tuesday and Wednesday with ongoing pickup and dropoff every 15-30 minutes.

12. STUDENT DRESS

The purpose of the following requirements is to maintain a professional atmosphere during these sessions. Appropriate attire by all attendees plays an important role in setting this standard.

Professional Attire or Official SkillsUSA Dress:

- A description of "Official SkillsUSA Dress" can be found in the "Clothing Requirements" section on the contest guidelines/technical standards. Each individual contest has clothing specific requirements. Competitors should do their best to model the clothing requirements.
- Official SkillsUSA Dress is appropriate in nearly all conference settings.
 - Students should do their best to comply with technical standards and clothing requirements during their contests.
 - Please confirm with your technical chair if you have specific questions regarding your apparel.
- Required for the Opening Ceremony and the Awards Ceremony
 - Students who do not meet the clothing requirements will not be allowed on the awards stage.
 - **No hats allowed. This will be strictly enforced!**

Contest Clothing Requirements:

Appropriate dress for each contest is designated in the technical standards for that contest. If no contest attire is specified, then the below requirements apply.

SkillsUSA Official Attire

- Official SkillsUSA red blazer or official SkillsUSA red jacket
- Button-up, collared, white dress shirt (accompanied by a plain, solid black tie or SkillsUSA

- black tie), white shirt (collarless or small-collared) or white turtleneck, with any collar not to extend into the lapel area of the blazer, sweater, windbreaker or jacket
- Black dress slacks or black dress skirt (knee-length at minimum)
- Black closed-toe dress shoes

Note: The official SkillsUSA windbreaker, sweater and black Carhartt jacket are no longer available for purchase in the SkillsUSA Store. These clothing items are grandfathered in as previous official SkillsUSA clothing and can be worn in SkillsUSA competitions as directed in this document.

13. SPECIAL NEEDS

Please ensure that all ADA, Educational, and Dietary Accommodation requests for students are entered in the Registration System, in the appropriate area so that necessary arrangements can be made. It is the intent of SkillsUSA Wisconsin to provide all eligible SkillsUSA members the opportunity to participate in the State Conference.

14. SKILLSUSA EMERGENCY POLICIES

In certain student situations or emergencies, if the local advisor or appointed chaperone cannot be reached within a reasonable time, the chapter's district administrator will be contacted. The district administrator will also be notified if the advisor or chaperone is unable to provide adequate supervision. This ensures the safety and well-being of students and supports the advisor in fulfilling their responsibilities.

The following student situations/emergencies could invoke this policy:

- Accidents
- Use of illegal drugs/illegal activity
- Breaking of conference rules
- Family emergencies
- Any other situation designated as an emergency by the state staff

15. ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL SKILLSUSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

All Advisors, Parents and Contestants are invited to attend the NLSC Information Virtual Meeting:

Thursday, April 9th at 7:00 pm. Meeting Link - [NLSC Planning Meeting | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

👉 **National Leadership & Skills Conference Registration Packet (Link coming February 2026)**

Requirements:

- Students must be a SkillsUSA registered member by March 1st, 2026.
- Students must place 1st in a National Qualifying Event.
- All Contestants & Advisors/Chaperones must stay at the Wisconsin State Designated Hotel
- An Advisor/Chaperone must be signed up with each school.
- National Fees are NOT Covered by SkillsUSA Wisconsin.
- National Registration Deadline is April 24, 2026 this year, please be prepared to make a decision of attendance within a few days of SLSC conclusion. NLSC is early this year - June 1-5, 2026 Atlanta, GA
- If you have a contest winner unable to attend NLSC, inform wisconsinskillsusa@gmail.com immediately! This will allow the 2nd place finisher to attend the National Qualifier Meeting.

Advisors/Chapters Will Need to Provide:

- A copy of the national contest rules to help your student(s) prepare for NLSC.

16. MEDALS, TROPHIES, PRIZES, AND MATERIALS

SkillsUSA will not be able to mail these items. All SkillsUSA Wisconsin event prizes, trophies, gifts, competition feedback, materials, etc must be picked up before leaving the event. If items are not picked up at the conclusion of the event, items may be picked up from Madison Area Technical College for two weeks following the event. Items that require shipment will be billed to the school.

2026 WISCONSIN SKILLSUSA STATE LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS CONFERENCE TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday April 7th, 2026

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
7:00 am – All Day	Set-up for Competitive Events	
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Registration & Cancellation/Sub Forms Due	Alliant Energy Center - Hall D
9:00 am – 11:30 am	Display Contest Set-up	Alliant Energy Center
Lunch on your own, there will be limited onsite concessions available.		
12:30 pm	Doors open for Opening Ceremony	Alliant Energy Center - Coliseum
1:00 pm	Opening Ceremony	Alliant Energy Center - Coliseum
2:30 pm - 3:15 pm	Voting Delegates Training	Alliant Energy Center - Exhibition Hall
2:35 pm & 2:45 pm	Busses to Leave for Madison College	Alliant Energy Center - Exhibition Hall
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Secondary State Officer Candidate Interviews	Alliant Energy Center - Exhibition Hall
3:15 pm - 4:00 pm	Delegate Committee Meetings	Alliant Energy Center - Exhibition Hall
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Competition Briefings	
6:00 pm	Dinner on your own	
7:00 pm	Final bus drop-off from Madison College to the Alliant Energy Center.	
8:30 pm	Optional Offsite Bowling Social <i>Attendance is on a "first come, first served" basis. Participants must provide their own transportation.</i>	10 Pin Alley - 6285 Nesbitt Rd, Fitchburg, WI 53719
11:00 pm	Curfew	

Wednesday April 8th, 2026

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
6:45 am	Bus will load and leave at 7:00 am for Madison College, 2nd Bus will leave at 7:15 am	Alliant Energy Center
7:00 am		
7:00 am – 9:00 am	Voting Delegate Session & Breakfast	Alliant Energy Center
7:30 am – 4:00 pm	Competitive Events, Lunch provided	Alliant Energy Center & MATC

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Officer Candidate Forum and Elections	Alliant Energy Center
4:00 pm	Cleanup/All displays removed	
5:00 pm	Final bus drop-off from Madison College to Alliant Energy Center & <u>Dinner on your own</u>	
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Closing Ceremonies & Awards	Alliant Energy Center - Coliseum
4/9/25 7:00 pm	National Qualifiers Zoom Meeting	NLSC Planning Meeting Meeting-Join Microsoft Teams

WISCONSIN SKILLSUSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

PROCEDURES FOR CONTESTANTS

1. Contestants must be completely familiar with the rules for their contest (current updates on our website), the conference guidelines, and the [code of conduct](#) (part of Registration) prior to competing.
2. All contestants are expected to attend the pre-contest briefing for their event as scheduled. Any exceptions must be cleared ahead of time with the contest Technical Committee Chair. Students competing in multiple events may have an advisor attend one briefing on their behalf.
3. Contestants will be assigned a contestant number. These numbers will be used to identify the contestants to the judges. Contestants must wear their name badges, with only numbers showing, during all contest activities.
4. Participants must meet clothing requirements for the individual contests. Penalties will be assessed for contestants who do not satisfy the dress requirements.
5. Contestants must have all required safety equipment to compete in the contest. The contest Technical Committee will determine if a contestant can be allowed to compete based on lack of safety equipment.
6. Contestants are required to report to their contest site at the time announced by the Technical Committee or listed on the State Conference website/app, with all required tools and materials as specified in the SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards or state contest updates.
7. The contest Technical Committee will provide all necessary instructions to contestants. Any questions should be asked prior to the start of the contest.
8. Contestants may leave their respective contest area only with approval of the Technical Committee Chair.
9. All contestants are required to wear official SkillsUSA dress or professional attire to the opening and closing, contest briefings, awards ceremony and general sessions (see “Clothing Requirements” for more information on dress).

We expect all participants to maintain professional conduct when using video cameras, cameras, and cell phones. These devices must be turned off during competitions. The Contest Chair will provide announcements before and after each competition regarding when these devices may be used. Everyone present at the contest is expected to follow these guidelines.

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STATE LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS

CONFERENCE CHECKLIST

This form is for your use only. Use it to ensure you meet all deadlines.

DUE DATE DATE Complete

February 28th	_____	State Conference Registration of State Officers, State Officer Candidates, & Voting Delegates (max 2)
February 28th	_____	Registration Closes, Must have Advisor signed up and SUBMIT
February 28th	_____	Cancellations for a FULL Refund.
March 1st	_____	State Officer Packets Due
April 7th	_____	State Conference Registration Fees due (Checks Payable to: WI Association of SkillsUSA)

On Tuesday, April 7, State Conference check-in will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Alliant Energy Center, Hall D Box Office. Concessions will be available; however, food options are limited. Advisors and students should plan to bring sack lunches or leave the venue for lunch.

April 7th	_____	Turn in Local Advisor Procedures and Responsibilities FORM WLSC 1B - ONLY if Advisor is a substitute or there are changes.
April 7th	_____	Cancellations/Substitutions Forms (No Refunds)

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WI Association of SkillsUSA

CHECKS MAILED TO:
WI Association of SkillsUSA Attn.:
CTSO Accountant
P.O. Box 7841
Madison, WI 53707-7841

Questions or Concerns can be directed
to wisconsinskillsusa@gmail.com

Hotel Information

We have partnered with Destination Madison to secure discounted hotel rates for this event. Once Destination Madison provides the booking link, it will be shared with advisors. A wide selection of rooms will be available across 23 nearby hotels.

When the link is released, you'll be able to choose your preferred hotel and complete your reservation directly through the link.



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LOCAL ADVISOR PROCEDURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Advisor Name & Cell Phone:

Local SkillsUSA Chapter:

This form is ONLY Needed if there is a SUBSTITE Advisor or Caperone Attending

1. Local advisors are responsible for having each student attending the State SkillsUSA Conference read, discuss and sign the [Conference Registration, Personal and Liability Release Form](#) found in the Registration System.
2. Local advisors are responsible for always knowing the whereabouts of all their students. Each local advisor should establish a policy with his/her students prior to the conference in order to meet this regulation.
3. Advisors must have with them at the conference a list of their students, as well as an emergency contact telephone number for parent's or guardian's.
4. Curfew will be enforced. Local advisors are responsible for room checks to ensure their students are in their assigned rooms.
5. No use of tobacco, vaping, alcoholic beverages, or narcotics will be permitted.
6. Identification badges will be worn at all SkillsUSA activities.
7. Chapter advisors are responsible for their delegates' conduct and shall be always available to their students or shall have another advisor/chaperone available to their students.
8. The local principal, designated administrator, and/or police will be contacted in emergency situations if the local advisor cannot be located within a reasonable amount of time or is unable to give proper amount of supervision. Student emergencies include accidents, possession of tobacco, drugs or alcohol, breaking conference rules, family emergencies, and any other situation designated as an emergency.

"I have read and fully understand the LOCAL ADVISOR PROCEDURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES and agree to comply with these guidelines."

Advisor's Signature _____ Date _____

Administrator's Signature _____ Date _____

In case of emergency, the following local administrators should be contacted:

(1st Contact – Lead advisor)	(2nd Contact - Administrator)
Name	Name
Title	Title
School Phone Area/No.	School Phone Area/No.
Cell Phone:	Cell Phone:

SkillsUSA Wisconsin - Competition Cancellation/Substitution Form

WLSC Form 8

Print legibly or it may not be accepted.

Date: _____

Event: _____

Chapter: _____

Advisor: _____

Advisor Cell: _____



Please fill out a line for each change that is being made.

If you are just canceling a contestant, and not substituting, then leave the substitute box blank.

All substitute contestants must be official SkillsUSA Wisconsin members and registered for SLSC by February 28, 2026, as a contestant or observer. Delegates and non-paying registrants are not eligible as substitutes.

	CONTESTANT BEING CANCELED			SUBSTITUTE
	FIRST AND LAST NAME	CONTESTANT NUMBER OR TEAM LETTER	CONTEST NAME	FIRST AND LAST NAME
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
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8.				
9.				
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Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please ensure this form gets scanned and emailed to wisconsinskillsusa@gmail.com.