Conference Descriptions

**Washington Leadership Training Institute (Washington D.C.)**
*September 23-27, 2017*

SkillsUSA offers advanced training for students and advisors that focuses on the skills needed to be champions at work, in the communities and in their personal lives. It’s known as the Washington Leadership Training Institute (WLTI). Student attendees must apply to attend the conference, which will focus on developing advanced leadership, citizenship and employability skills. This training is held in Washington, D.C., and allows members the opportunity to share their SkillsUSA and career and technical experiences with elected officials.

**Show-Me Skills Leadership Conferences (Worlds of Fun | Six Flags | Silver Dollar City)**
*September 30, October 7, and October 14, 2017*

Did you know theme parks operate as small cities? Many theme parks employ engineers, maintenance, safety personnel, and more. SkillsUSA’s new Show-Me Skills Leadership Conferences are designed to educate students on what SkillsUSA is while providing a fun experience. Conference participants will learn about SkillsUSA’s competitions and framework while also having the opportunity to go behind the scenes to explore park and ride operations. During this conference, students will begin their SkillsUSA leadership experience with a half-day leadership conference and then will have the rest of the day to enjoy the park. All SkillsUSA members are welcome. Participants will have the opportunity to earn SkillsUSA’s National Statesman Award. *Please note this conference is only an introduction to leadership and will not take the place of existing district and state-wide leadership conferences.*

**State Fall Leadership Conference (Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City)**
*October 26-28, 2017*

SkillsUSA Missouri’s Fall Leadership Conference is designed as a chapter and district officer leadership conference. Officers will be engaged in leadership development sessions and activities that will provide them with the tools and resources needed to carry out their chapter or district’s program of work. Participants will have a clear understanding of SkillsUSA’s program of work and framework. Participants will have the opportunity to earn SkillsUSA Missouri’s Statesman Award and tour our state’s capital city. This conference is led by SkillsUSA Missouri’s state officer team.

**District Fall Leadership Conferences (Various Locations across Missouri)**
*November/December, 2017*

SkillsUSA Missouri’s District Fall Leadership Conferences are designed to provide professional development opportunities for all members to interact with one another from across their district. Students could be provided development opportunities in public speaking, opening and closing ceremony, parliamentary procedure, SkillsUSA knowledge, and more. Activities will vary by district, but all students will have the opportunity to earn their SkillsUSA Missouri District Statesman Award.
District Leadership & Skills Conferences *(Various Locations across Missouri)*  
*January/February, 2018*

SkillsUSA Missouri’s District Leadership & Skills Conferences are designed to provide students a competitive opportunity in advance of the State Leadership & Skills Conference. Competitors on SkillsUSA’s Straight-to-State list are not required to compete at the district level, but it is strongly encouraged. Only those competitors who are invited via the contest invitations list are eligible to compete at SkillsUSA’s State Leadership & Skills Conference.

CTSO Legislative Day *(Missouri State Capitol, Jefferson City)*  
*February 14, 2018*

The Missouri Association of Career & Technical Education hosts all of the Career and Technical Student Organizations during this one-day event held in our state’s capitol. Students will have the opportunity to speak with legislators about the importance of their CTE program and participation in SkillsUSA. There is no charge for this event and all are welcome to attend. SkillsUSA’s official attire is required.

State Leadership & Skills Conference *(State Technical College of Missouri, Linn)*  
*April 5-7, 2018*

SkillsUSA Missouri’s State Leadership & Skills has been called the greatest showcase of skilled and technical education. The SkillsUSA Missouri Championships recognize career and technical education students who excel in their occupational areas, as well as leadership development activities that are such an integral part of the SkillsUSA program. Besides showcasing students’ skills in more than 140 competitive events, the championships urge students to take pride in their work. It also provides prospective employers with an opportunity to see dedicated, motivated potential employees at work. Nearly $2 million dollars of academic scholarships and tuition waivers are provided annually by this event attended by nearly 3,000 students, teachers, and industry partners.

National Leadership & Skills Conference *(Louisville, KY)*  
*June 25-30, 2010*

SkillsUSA’s National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) is the nation’s largest showcase of career and technical education students. More than 19,000 people — including students, teachers and business partners — are expected to participate in the weeklong event.

SkillsUSA University is an opportunity for students and educators to attend educational sessions scheduled throughout the SkillsUSA national conference. Sessions may include professional development, legislative updates, occupational and technical career trends and program overviews.

The SkillsUSA Championships include more than 6,000 outstanding career and technical education students — all state contest winners — who compete hands-on in 100 different trade, technical and leadership fields. Students work against the clock and each other, proving their expertise in occupations such as electronics, computer-aided drafting, precision machining, medical assisting and culinary arts. Contests are run with the help of industry, trade associations and labor organizations, and test competencies are set by industry. Leadership contestants will demonstrate skills including extemporaneous speaking and conducting meetings by parliamentary procedure.