



# Champions at Work

8/31/07

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### WELCOME TO SkillsUSA ILLINOIS

We hope you like the new delivery system developed to make our communication better. The new web site was designed by Larry and Carol Huck's daughter, Karen, for Illinois SkillsUSA. For that we are forever grateful.

### STATE SkillsUSA OFFICE INFORMATION

For additional information contact: Donald W. Bauc, State Executive Director, Illinois SkillsUSA, P. O. Box 15, Mokena, IL 60448-0015. The phone number is: 708-479-8422. The fax number is: 708-479-8444. E-mail address is: [ilskillsusa@aol.com](mailto:ilskillsusa@aol.com) For forms and information, see our web site: [www.illinoisskillsusa.org](http://www.illinoisskillsusa.org)

### 2008 CALENDAR

The calendar for 2007-2008 can be found on our web site.

### LOCAL CHAPTER MATERIALS

All chapters should purchase the new 2008 SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards, and the new 2008 National Leadership Handbook in order to operate properly. The Advisors Handbook for Illinois was withheld from print because of the major changes in National's materials. We will update our handbook as soon as the National information is available.

### ILLINOIS SkillsUSA MEMBERS WIN BIG AGAIN AT THE NATIONAL SkillsUSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

See the Illinois SkillsUSA web site. Click on "National Winners".

### MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to all of you, we again had an overall increase in membership last year. Area Centers are reminded that we are offering Total Participation Membership for them. This means that you can join all of your students in the Area Center for one set fee. Call our office for more details.

### ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Illinois SkillsUSA is continuing to require on-line registration for membership. Go to the national web address: [www.skillsusa-register.org](http://www.skillsusa-register.org) or use the link on the Illinois SkillsUSA website. You will need to create a login for yourself if you haven't in the past. Follow Larry's instructions titled "Online Membership Registration/Rosters" available on the Illinois SkillsUSA web site. Remember, all registration for all events, state and national, are made using the on-line system.



## **ILLINOIS FORM 6.2 (NEW CHARTER FORM)**

Only new schools joining Illinois SkillsUSA need to submit this form along with a charter fee of \$75.00. The fee includes the Illinois and National Handbooks, the National Technical Standards (contest rules) and the PDP test bank of questions. Schools that do not join members for three consecutive years will have to pay a \$25.00 reactivation fee.

## **ICCCTSO WEEK**

October 7-13, 2007 is ICCCTSO Week. Please help us promote all Career and Technical Student Organizations in Illinois, especially during this week.

## **WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP TRAINING SEMINAR**

This conference will be held on September 15-19, 2007 in the Washington, D.C. area. If you or any of your students are interested in attending, please contact Don Bauc at 708-479-8422 for more information.

## **MID-AMERICA NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

This conference will be held on October 23-28, 2007 in Columbus, Nebraska. The conference is open to any member who wants to attend from Illinois. If you are interested in attending, please contact Don Bauc for details.

## **REGION STUDENT OFFICERS**

Each Region in Illinois should meet and elect a student Region Chair and a student Region Recorder. Region Reps are reminded to send in the names of their student region officers as soon as possible.

## **100% MEMBERSHIP**

State membership will grow greatly if Local Advisors join 100% of their classes. Please try to join all of your students and encourage other Advisors in your school to do the same. It is easier to run a local chapter if all of the students are members. Special recognition is given each year to all Advisors who join 100% of their class.

## **CONFERENCE THEME FOR 07-08**

The theme for this year's Fall, State and National Conferences will be: "SkillsUSA: Champions at Work". This is the theme for the Chapter Display, Prepared Speech, Promotional Bulletin Board, Essay and Suitcase contests. Use the theme in all of your local projects. The topic to be addressed by contestants in these events is how our theme SkillsUSA: Champions at Work relates to our national program of work in the area of SkillsUSA Championships. Within this topic, contestants might illustrate/discuss one of the following:

- How the SkillsUSA Championships motivate students to be the best they can be in their technical skill development and personal and professional development.
- How the SkillsUSA Championships provide students an opportunity to participate in timed and judged industry based competitions where they can practice technical skills, teamwork, team building, creativity and management.
- How SkillsUSA increases productivity by cultivating a highly skilled and knowledgeable work force to meet 21<sup>st</sup> century needs.
- How the SkillsUSA Championships is the national level competition for high school and college/postsecondary technical students enrolled in trade, technical, and skilled service profession instructional programs including allied health occupations.

- How SkillsUSA organizes this event; and, it is considered the single greatest day of industry volunteerism in America every year at an estimated cost of more than \$32 million.
- How SkillsUSA participation prepares each member for entry into the work force.
- How each SkillsUSA Championships national contestant is a state level gold medalist that demonstrates excellence in career and technical education.
- How the SkillsUSA Championships has more than 5,000 competitors in more than 85 hands-on skill and leadership contests.
- How SkillsUSA represents 130 different occupational areas affiliated instructional programs.

### **ILLINOIS STATESMAN AWARD**

Every student and Advisor is eligible to earn the Illinois Statesman Award. The Fall Conference is the place to do it. See pages 4.16.1 and 4.16.2. Also see "08StateMEMO2".

### **ILLINOIS FALL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE**

Please read "08StateMEMO2" for full details on the Fall Conference. State MEMO2 is available at the Illinois SkillsUSA website. This is one of the best opportunities for all chapters to learn about our organization, its activities and programs, as well as get off to a good start in participating in some leadership activities and contests. This conference is for members only.

### **STATE OFFICER ELECTION**

We will again be electing High School and College/Postsecondary State Officers at the Fall Leadership Development Conference. See pages 4.9 through 4.19 in the Illinois Advisors Handbook. Also see the "08StateMEMO2" at the Illinois SkillsUSA website.

### **REGISTRATION FEES**

The registration fees for the State Leadership and Skills Conference remains at \$ 70.00 for this year. The fee for written skills remains at \$7.00.

### **MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION CHECKLIST**

Be sure to send in all proper forms with signatures and the correct amount of dues. Following is a check list to help you keep track of what needs to be included:

#### **FOR ILLINOIS SkillsUSA**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Illinois 6.1 Membership Verification Form.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Illinois 6.2 Charter form for new chapters: Be sure to send the \$75.00 charter fee along with the form to **Illinois SkillsUSA**. (Please note that with this fee you will receive the National and State handbooks.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Charter Re-Activation Form (6.2): Send \$25.00 to reactivate a charter that has been inactive for three or more years. Make the check out to **Illinois SkillsUSA**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Alumni member registration forms. (See the Illinois web site)

#### **FOR NATIONAL SkillsUSA**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Pay using instructions on the National SkillsUSA "on-line" registration web site.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Payment for membership should be made out to SkillsUSA for the total amount. \$16.00 per active student (\$8.00 state and \$8.00 national) and \$26.00 per professional member (\$12.00 state and \$14.00 national).

## **FOR YOU TO KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS**

\_\_\_\_\_ A copy of your National on-line Membership “Roster Report” for each section.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Illinois 6.1 Membership Verification Form. (Make a copy of your 6.1 form  
and put one in your Illinois Advisor’s Handbook for future use.)

- Remember, send all Illinois charter or reactivating forms (6.2) and Illinois membership verification forms (6.1) to:  
Illinois SkillsUSA  
% Donald W. Bauc  
State Director  
P. O. Box 15  
Mokena, IL 60448-0015
- If you have any questions, call: 708-479-8422 or Fax: 708-479-8444 or e-mail:  
[ilskillsusa@aol.com](mailto:ilskillsusa@aol.com)

NOTE: Please print and post the following page “07-08 Important SkillsUSA Dates” in locations where the page will serve as a reminder for you.

## 07-08 IMPORTANT SkillsUSA DATES

Illinois SkillsUSA: Champions at Work

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ON-LINE</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
<b>Membership Online</b>	National SkillsUSA <a href="http://www.skillsusa-register.org">www.skillsusa-register.org</a>	October 19, 2007 for Fall Conference Participants -- February 1, 2008 for State Written Exams eligibility
<b>Illinois Form 6.1</b> Use only latest form (Send by mail or fax)	Illinois SkillsUSA % Donald W. Bauc P. O. Box 15 Mokena, IL 60448-0015 Ph.: 708-479-8422 Fax: 708-479-8444	October 26, 2007 for Fall Conference Participants -- February 1, 2008 for State Written Exams eligibility
<b>Fall Leadership Conference Registration</b>	Illinois SkillsUSA % National SkillsUSA <a href="http://www.skillsusa-register.org">www.skillsusa-register.org</a> Registration Questions? - Contact Larry Huck Larry Huck 1506 Hadley Drive Batavia, IL 60510 Ph: 630-761-8268 Fax: 630-761-9957 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:ldhflyguy@sbcglobal.net">ldhflyguy@sbcglobal.net</a>	October 19, 2007
<b>Fall Hotel Registration</b>	Holiday Inn Bolingbrook 205 Remington Road Bolingbrook, IL 60440 Ph: 630-679-1600 Fax: 630-679-1616	October 19, 2007
<b>State Planning Registration (Not online)</b>	Nat Greenfield Conference Director P.O. Box 15 Mokena, IL 60448-0015	January 25, 2008
<b>State Planning Hotel Registration (Officer Advisors)</b>	Hampton Inn 3185 S. Dirksen Prky. Springfield, IL 62703 Ph: 217-529-1100 Fax: 217-529-1105	January 25, 2008
<b>State Written Skills Registration</b>	Illinois SkillsUSA % National SkillsUSA <a href="http://www.skillsusa-register.org">www.skillsusa-register.org</a> Registration Questions? - Contact Larry Huck	February 1, 2008
<b>State Leadership &amp; SkillsUSA Championships Registration</b>	Illinois SkillsUSA % National SkillsUSA <a href="http://www.skillsusa-register.org">www.skillsusa-register.org</a> Registration Questions? - Contact Larry Huck	March 21, 2008
<b>State Conference Hotel Registration</b>	Select a Hotel from the list provided by Illinois SkillsUSA	March 21, 2008
<b>National SkillsUSA Conference Registration</b>	National SkillsUSA <a href="http://www.skillsusa-register.org">www.skillsusa-register.org</a>	April 28, 2008