

NOTICE: We have completed another highly successful State Conference for 2008 with over 1,400 registered Students and Advisors from around the state. We are leaving this information here for those who are curious about the 2008 Illinois SkillsUSA State Conference. The information will be changed prior to the 2009 State Conference.

Illinois SkillsUSA Special Notices

(Check this often between February and the State Conference)

3/16/08

REMINDERS:

To obtain a **Confirmation of your State Conference Registration:** Log into the online registration system, click on the **Conference** tab, select **Registration Summary**, and print the Summary. It is highly recommended that you share the confirmation with all those people planning to attend the State Conference and have them verify that they are registered for the correct contests and activities. What appears on the confirmation is exactly how your registrations will turn out. **If you detect errors, it is extremely important to get them corrected a.s.a.p. Do not wait until the conference. Some errors left uncorrected can eliminate students from contests or disqualify them from the final results.** After the registration deadline on 3/21/08, all corrections / changes must be made through Larry Huck.

To obtain a **Fee Summary that can be used as an Invoice:** Log into the online registration system, click on the **Conference tab**, select **Fee Summary**, and print the Summary. You may submit this to your business office to have the payment sent to Larry Huck. If you realize that Larry will not receive the payment before the week of the State Conference, bring evidence with you to the State Conference that verifies that the payment is forthcoming.

Every person registered for the Illinois SkillsUSA State Conference must have a fully completed **7.7 – 7.7.1 Illinois Individual Information Conference Registration Form**. A school's Advisor must submit the completed forms during check-in at the State Conference. To view/print a copy of the form, click on the following link:
http://www.illinoiskillsusa.org/forms/7.7_Individual_Information_Conference_Registration_9_07.pdf

Each year more than half the schools attending the State Conference register students for the **Parade of Schools** and for the **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**. Each school is allowed one student for each activity. Follow the procedure that you used to register a student for a contest in order to register a student for either / both of these activities. To learn more read Items #4 and #5 in the following memo: <http://www.illinoiskillsusa.org/pdfs/memo5.pdf>
If you have questions email Larry Huck at: ldhflyguy@sbcglobal.net

Special Forms are required to register a student(s) for each of the contests listed below. You may obtain these forms from the Illinois SkillsUSA website. At the Illinois SkillsUSA website click on **State Conference Registration** to determine, from page 2 of this document, which forms are required and how to submit them. To view and print the required forms, click on **Registration Forms** at the Illinois website. Click on the following link to go to the Illinois SkillsUSA website: <http://www.illinoiskillsusa.org>

<p><u>Action Skills</u> category contests / <u>Team type contests</u> (two or more people working together) / <u>Carpentry and TeamWorks</u> / <u>Cabinetmaking</u> / <u>Diesel Equipment</u> / <u>Chapter Display</u> / <u>Promotional Bulletin Board</u> / <u>Occupational Health & Safety</u> / <u>SkillsUSA Courtesy Corp</u> / <u>State Officer Candidate</u></p>
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High School Voting Delegates and Alternate Voting Delegates: Follow the procedure that you used to register a student for a contest in order to register a student for one of these activities. See Item #12 of the following memo to learn more about Delegates and the “Secondary Delegate Session”. Click here for the memo:
<http://www.illinoisskillsusa.org/pdfs/memo5.pdf>

3/6/08

In response to an Advisor’s question regarding the **Technical Computer Applications** contest, the contest Supervisor said to tell Advisors and Contestants that, “To keep the contestants off guard, we will be using any of the MS Office versions 2000 and above.”
CHANGE: As of 3/11/08 it has been determined that MS Office version 2007 will not be used.

3/4/08

The **Health Knowledge Bowl** contest will begin on **Thursday, April 17, 2008, at 5:00pm**. The contest will be held at the **P.C.C.C., Room B-9**.

The **Quiz Bowl** contest **written exam** will begin promptly at **6:30pm** on **Friday, April 18, 2008**. All team members must report to the **Hilton Hotel, Ambassador Room, Lower Level** to take this exam. Upon completion of the exam, all team members will proceed to the **P.C.C.C.** for the question/answer phase of the contest, which will begin at the usual starting time (7:00pm).

1/10/08

This year Illinois will be able to send two of its **Collision Repair Technology** competitors to the National SkillsUSA Championships. The first-place winner in Collision Repair Technology will qualify to compete at Nationals in the Collision Repair Technology competition. The Illinois SkillsUSA Championships competitor who achieves the highest score in the painting portion(s) of the Collision Repair Technology contest will qualify to compete in **“Automotive Refinishing Technology”** at the National SkillsUSA Championships. The contest supervisor will make the final decision in the event that the same competitor finishes first in Collision Repair and has the highest score in the painting portion(s) of the Illinois contest. There is no Illinois qualifying written exam for the Automotive Refinishing Technology contest. Everyone interested should take the Collision Repair Technology qualifying exam.

There will be **Engineering Technology and Entrepreneurship competitions** at the Illinois State SkillsUSA Championships this year. These are both team contests. They do not require a qualifying exam. Check out the rules for the Engineering Technology contest on the National SkillsUSA website at <http://skillsusa.org/compete/demos.shtml> . The rules for Entrepreneurship are in the new 2008 Technical Standards book and CD.