

The Wilcox Tech Chapter of SkillsUSA

Through a Total Participation Grant Wilcox Tech students are all members of SkillsUSA. We are a "100% Chapter" gaining recognition from the National SkillsUSA Headquarters. With that we are able to meet our National Program of Work standards.

We host a variety of events throughout the year that include social, fundraising and community service activities. Our SkillsUSA sponsored dances are very popular among our students. We host blood drives with the American Red Cross and we also partner with Meriden's YMCA and volunteer on Thanksgiving and Christmas to provide holiday meals for the community.

Our fundraising efforts are varying from year to year but we MUST fundraise as much as possible since we are a self-supporting organization. With ever increasing numbers of active student involvement, each year our champions roster will increase. This is a major reason why our fundraising activities are vital. With thousands of dollars needed to get our State Champions to Kansas City for the National SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference in June of each year we need the assistance and support of our community, students, parents, teachers and administrators.

Student involvement in SkillsUSA plays an important role in student success. Ask any student who has been actively involved in the organization and they will certainly tell you it has been a rewarding and satisfying experience. It has given many the courage to accomplish difficult tasks. Many students who take on the responsibility of leadership through SkillsUSA have said that they now have the tools to succeed in life.

If you would like to learn more about the SkillsUSA organization please visit the following websites.

National website: www.skillsusa.org

CT SkillsUSA website:

www.cttech.org/CTskillsUSA

Wilcox Tech website: www.cttech.org/wilcox—

click on the link for **Student Activities** and then the link for **SkillsUSA**

For more information on
Wilcox Tech's
Chapter of SkillsUSA please
contact our local advisors
at the
information listed below

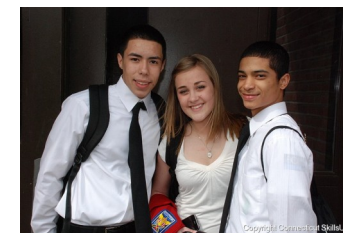


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SkillsUSA is showing everyone how vital career and technical education is to America's future.



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What is SkillsUSA?

SkillsUSA is a national student organization serving students enrolled in career and technical education training programs at our nation's public high schools and colleges. SkillsUSA's mission is to help its members become world-class workers and responsible American citizens. SkillsUSA complements technical skill training with instruction in the employability skills that make a well-rounded worker and citizen. Founded in 1965, SkillsUSA has developed 8.5 million workers through active partnerships between employers and educators. SkillsUSA is endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education and state departments of education and is cited in federal legislation as an integral part of the technical curriculum.

Our Membership

SkillsUSA has approximately 15,000 school chapters in 54 state and territorial associations, and serves more than 300,000 members annually. More than 16,000 instructors and administrators are professional members of SkillsUSA. Our members are known in their schools and communities as leaders and skilled professionals in training.

An Applied Method of Learning

SkillsUSA is an applied method of learning where students practice skills and build self confidence while helping their schools and communities. SkillsUSA provides experiences in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. The program emphasizes high ethical standards, superior work skills, lifelong education and pride. These are qualities employers value and look for when hiring or promoting workers.



SkillsUSA benefits students by:

- ◆ Teaching teamwork & leadership
- ◆ Reinforcing employability skills
- ◆ Offering a national contest program
- ◆ Providing ways to serve the local community
- ◆ Offering \$1 million in scholarships annually
- ◆ Helping students meet potential employers

SkillsUSA benefits teachers by:

- ◆ Enhancing the technical curriculum
- ◆ Helping improve class attitudes
- ◆ Giving students a way to test their skills
- ◆ Providing avenues for local industry support
- ◆ Helping showcase training programs
- ◆ Gaining greater administrator support
- ◆ Providing opportunities to network

SkillsUSA benefits schools by:

- ◆ Showcasing the school to the community
- ◆ Helping instructors meet educational standards
- ◆ Improving the quality of training programs
- ◆ Providing opportunities for recognition
- ◆ Helping to produce more qualified graduates
- ◆ Assisting with recruitment and enrollments

SkillsUSA benefits industry by:

- ◆ Ensuring that programs meet industry needs
- ◆ Providing opportunities for employment
- ◆ Helping to promote specific industries
- ◆ Offering a way to support local programs

Our Partners

Nationally, SkillsUSA enjoys support from more than 1,000 corporations, businesses, associations and labor unions. These sponsors support SkillsUSA financially and with in-kind contributions because they believe in our mission. Our Youth Development Foundation is SkillsUSA's philanthropic arm. The foundation seeks to involve representatives of business, industry, organized labor, alumni and others in the active financial and volunteer support of SkillsUSA programs and activities.

National Program of Work

SkillsUSA activities are learning experiences because they're directed by students. The SkillsUSA program of work includes:

- ◆ Professional development
- ◆ Community service
- ◆ Employment
- ◆ SkillsUSA Championships
- ◆ Public relations
- ◆ Social activities
- ◆ Ways and means



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