



State Leadership and Skills Conference 2025

Know Before You Go

We are so excited to host you at the 2025 State Leadership and Skills Conference from April 13 to 16 at the Chattanooga Convention Center! Please review the information below prior to your arrival.

CONFERENCE SAFETY

Conference Safety is at the top of our list as we bring our students onsite in Chattanooga. TBR's Michael Williams, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Campus Safety and Security and TCAT Chief of Police has worked diligently to make sure our conference goes smoothly. Please report safety concerns in our Safety form. It is closely monitored. Here is the QR code:



COMMUNICATIONS

- **Subscribe to our overall conference GroupMe.** Here you can ask questions, post photos and share in the SkillsUSA Community



- Email SkillsUSA@tbr.edu if you have any questions throughout the conference.
- Follow us on social media Clickable Links Below:



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN

College Registration will be open on **Sunday, April 13, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET** and **Monday, April 14, from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET** in the **Convention Center Lobby**. Please designate who will be picking up your registration materials [Here](#).

Technical Chairs and Judges may register Monday starting at 8:00 AM-Tuesday 12:00 PM EST. All non-state employees will need to run through the Raptor System. Technical Chairs will have a packet. Judges will just need a "Judge Badge"

ADVISOR HELP

It takes a village to put on a conference of this size, and we would not be able to do it without the support of advisors. If you can help and have not signed up to volunteer, please stop by our headquarters and let us know you are available. Thank you for stepping up and helping us make the magic happen for our students!

WHERE'S THE NEAREST?

The Chattanooga Tourism Company has provided us with a document that lists the nearest grocery stores, pharmacies, and more. Please [click here](#) to view the **nearest resources**.

GETTING AROUND DOWNTOWN

When you are out and sightseeing in the downtown area, there are various ways to get around.

- **CARTA Electric Shuttle:** Ride for FREE! This is a great way to stay parked and ride the shuttle to/from restaurants and other points of interest for free throughout downtown. Shuttle buses run about every 15 minutes. [Click here](#) to see a map. Currently, the CARTA Downtown Shuttle is operating with reduced hours:
 - Monday-Friday: 6:30 AM-10:00 PM ET
 - Saturday: 9:30 AM-11:00 PM ET
 - Sunday: 9:30 AM-8:30 PM ET
- **Bike Chattanooga:** \$8.00 per day. There are over 30 bike stations in downtown Chattanooga. You would just need to dock your bike at any of the bike docking stations at least 1 time per hour, and the price remains the same. Downtown is perfect for bike riding, as well as the TN Riverwalk, which stretches 13 miles. [Click here](#) to learn more.

CHATTANOOGA DISCOUNTS

[Click here](#) to view Chattanooga **coupons** you can use during your stay.

CONVENTION CENTER INFORMATION

Our College Post Secondary Headquarters will be in room 10. We will have our Registration Booth inside the Convention Center Information Desk Area with our team there to help. We will have an Information Booth outside our HQ to answer general questions for college post/secondary, technical chairs, and judges. We will have someone in scoring to aid our technical chairs with any scoring information or help. You can reach me via GroupMe (Technical Chairs, Judges, TBR Staff, Officer Team, and Overall Conference all have individual QR codes and channels to help disseminate proper information to proper groups. Check your individual conference guides for your QR code).

TBR will have a booth in the lobby directly across from the Information Booth

Buses-Buses leave precisely on time. Our Bus coordinator is military and leaves exactly when posted.

Vending Machines—The convention center does not allow outside food. The vending machines only take money; no credit/debit card option is available.

Our College Post Secondary Opening will be held on April 14, 2025, at The Signal which is at 21 Choo Choo Ave. We will be using the Carda South Parking Garage. There will be photo backdrops set up for you to take pictures. The upstairs area is for our VIP guests, including business and industry partners, college presidents, and more. We hope you enjoy the opening. This year, we will bring all contestants from each college across the stage, so be sure to check them in as you arrive. Doors open at 4:00 pm EST. We will have a DJ, and Hiller will provide free non-alcoholic drinks. A Spirit Award will be given at the Grand Awards Ceremony to the College that shows the most spirit. We invite students to dress in college swag.

The Chapter of Excellence Recognition and Awards Banquet will also be at the Signal on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 6:30 PM. This event is by invitation only for colleges that have submitted Chapter of Excellence Applications. Colleges are asked to bring a centerpiece for their tables representing their college. Sticky Fingers will be catering the event.

TCAT CHATTANOOGA/CHATTANOOGA STATE

TCAT Chatt and ChattState host several of our contests. Most of these do not offer the opportunity to observe, as space is limited. If you drive to the campus, you must obtain a parking pass for your vehicle. Please visit our Registration Booth to obtain a parking pass. Note they are valid for the day listed on the pass.

GRAND AWARDS

Our Grand Awards Ceremony will be held at the Chattanooga Convention Center on April 16, 2025, at 11:30 AM. Remember, contestants will be recalled to the stage. To take the stage, contestants must be in a contest uniform or official dress.

CONTEST OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

We have a Contest Oversight Committee to make our contests equal and fair, much like SkillsUSA Nationals. The Committee provides a means by which Chapter Advisors may express **grievances** and concerns about conference situations that pertain to events. Only advisors may submit concerns or grievances to the committee. If an individual/team is concerned about an event, the Chapter Advisor can submit a concern or grievance using [this form](#) or our QR Code below. The committee will review grievances. The decisions of the committee are final. All committee members for our college post-secondary division are TBR personnel to ensure no bias.



We look forward to seeing you at the conference, and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

[PACKING LIST](#)

Conference App QR Code:



OR click the following link: <https://my.yapp.us/SLSCTN>. If you already have the YAPP app, the code is SLSCTN

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