

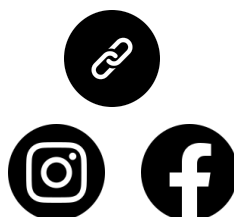


Regional Conferences 2025

Conference Guide

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Message from the State President

Hello SkillsUSA Tennessee!

It is the honor of a lifetime to welcome you to the 2026 SkillsUSA Tennessee Regional Conference! All of your training and learning has led to this moment. This conference is all about showing your region the talent, passion, and dedication that make you a champion. So show up and give it all you've got! You inspire me, and I cannot wait to cheer you on. Let's make this year unforgettable!

On behalf of the SkillsUSA Tennessee State Officer Team and Staff, we hope you have an amazing time at the 2026 SkillsUSA Tennessee Regional Conference!



Khloe Allin
SkillsUSA Tennessee President



Message from the Conference Management Team

Hello SkillsUSA Tennessee Members!

SkillsUSA Tennessee acts as a hub for our Career and Technical Education (CTE) students in skilled trades and technical sciences. We're thrilled to see members showcase their skills at Regional Conferences across the state!

The State Officer Team, Conference Coordinators, and State Director have worked tirelessly to craft an event brimming with competitions and the opportunity to connect with peers from across your region.

Gratitude goes to our advisors for their unseen efforts, and to our committed student members who uphold the values of SkillsUSA Tennessee. A warm welcome is extended to our new members—exciting times await you! Let's make this Regional Conference an outstanding experience!

-Conference Coordinators & TDOE CTSO Team



General Conference Information

SkillsUSA is a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) for skilled trade and technical sciences students. SkillsUSA Tennessee hosts an annual State Leadership and Skills Conference (SLSC) for all of our members across the Volunteer State. Regional conferences serve as qualifiers for specific competitions to advance students to SLSC. This conference brings together student members with industry, postsecondary, and community leaders in a showcase that recognizes both technical skill and leadership development.

Plan Your Trip

Region	Date	Location
Upper East	Nov. 14, 2025	Northeast State CC, 2425 TN-75, Blountville, TN 37617
Middle	Nov. 18, 2025	TCAT Hartsville- Tri-County Extension Campus, 2575 North Springs Rd, Red Boiling Springs, TN 37150
Midwest	Nov. 19, 2025	TCAT Dickson, 740 Highway 46 South, Dickson, TN 37055
East	Nov. 20, 2025	TCAT Harriman- 1745 Harriman Hwy, Harriman, TN 37748
West	Nov. 21, 2025	TCAT Henry Carroll, 312 South Wilson Street, Paris, TN 38242

Important Dates and Deadlines

Please note that the dates and deadlines below are tentative and subject to change.

If changes are made, they will be **highlighted** and announced to Chapter Advisors.

Date	Item
Oct. 16	Registration Opens at 8 a.m. CT
Oct. 21	Registration Closes at 5 p.m. CT
Oct. 31	Payment Deadline
Oct. 31	Chapter Certification Form Due
Nov. 14	Conference Check-In at Northeast State Community College
Nov. 18	Conference Check-In at TCAT Hartsville
Nov. 19	Conference Check-In at TCAT Dickson
Nov. 20	Conference Check-In at TCAT Harriman
Nov. 21	Conference Check-In at TCAT Henry Carroll

Conference Checklist

Please confer with your administrators for any school district or school-specific procedures.

- ☐ Affiliate members
- ☐ Advertise the conference to your chapter members
- ☐ Submit school district field trip paperwork
- ☐ Determine the cost to attend with your chapter including registration, transportation, meals, etc.
- ☐ Set up money collection with your school's bookkeeper
- ☐ Set chapter deadlines for registration and payment
- ☐ Put together permission slips with conference information, including cost and required forms
- ☐ Register all members, advisors, and support staff by the registration deadline
- ☐ Print the emailed invoice and check, double-check, and triple-check for accuracy
- ☐ Collect member payment before the registration deadline
- ☐ Submit invoice to your school's bookkeeper for payment
- ☐ Mail check payment to SkillsUSA Tennessee by the payment deadline
- ☐ Review the tentative agenda with attending members
- ☐ Host a chapter meeting with parents to discuss expectations and responsibilities
- ☐ Ensure each attendee has signed a release form, and it is kept with the chapter advisor
- ☐ Have all members follow and like SkillsUSA Tennessee on social media sites
- ☐ Discuss State Leadership and Skills Conference with members, so they are prepared if they qualify

Best Practices from Veteran Advisors

Please confer with your administrators before putting any of these into practice, to ensure compliance with school district and school policies:

- Hold a parent meeting prior to the conference to lay out expectations and consequences
- Create a behavioral contract for members and parents to sign
- Collect parent phone numbers and emergency contacts just in case
- Collect a deposit from those who commit to attend, especially if members are still fundraising
- Help students determine their own individual schedules so they feel prepared
- Determine your schedule as an advisor and communicate the schedule to attendees
- Have a group chat (e.g. GroupMe or Remind) set up with all attendees to communicate quickly
- Hold a daily chapter meeting to check in with students and provide updates
- Set clear behavioral expectations ahead of time
- Make sure the students can access an advisor at all times
- Use chapter officers and leaders to help with and delegate responsibilities

Registration

REGION MAP

Chapters should register for a regional conference according to the regions outlined on the [region map](#).

LINK

<https://www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx> - Registration opens at **8 a.m. CT on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025**.

Please ensure that you register for the appropriate region based on the regional map above.

DEADLINE

Registration closes at **5 p.m. CT on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025**

ELIGIBILITY

ALL ATTENDEES, including students, advisors, chaperones, and accessibility support staff attending the conference, are REQUIRED to register. All chapters are required to have a school-approved adult chaperone on-site for the duration of the conference. Only affiliated chapters and members will be able to register for competitive events at Regional Conferences. No observers will be allowed to attend due to space constraints.

COST

Registration Type	Description	Cost
Advisors	Teachers serving as Chapter Advisors	\$10
Competitors	Student members competing in competitions	\$25
Accessibility Support Staff	Interpreter, paraprofessional, etc. to provide accommodations	\$0

REGISTRATION INCLUDES

- Admittance to the conference
- Competition participation and supplies
- Lunch

INFORMATION NEEDED TO REGISTER

- Attendee Type, Email Address, Dietary Restrictions
 - We encourage students to supply a **personal email address** as opposed to a school email address because some districts have tight security restrictions on incoming emails, which can prevent students from receiving important information from us.
- Competition Selections for Competitors

Payment

DEADLINE

All payments must be **received by Oct. 31, 2025**.

INVOICE

After submitting your registration, you will be able to download an invoice directly from the registration confirmation page. A copy of the invoice will also be emailed to the advisor.

PAYING BY CHECK

Please make checks payable to: **SkillsUSA Tennessee**

Include a copy of the registration invoice and mail it to:

SkillsUSA Tennessee
525 Royal Pkwy, Unit 291929
Nashville, TN 37229-4051

Please note our new mailing address listed above, effective with the 2025-26 school year.

Download our W-9 form at tncatsos.org/w9.

PAYING BY CREDIT CARD

To pay by credit card, please submit a support request at tncatsos.org/contact. A 3% surcharge will be added. Our team will send you a secure link to complete your payment online.

RECEIPT

Once payment is received and processed, a receipt will be issued from our finance system. It will be sent from SkillsUSA Tennessee <quickbooks@notification.intuit.com>.

POLICIES

By registering for the conference, you agree to all conference policies and guidelines outlined in this Conference Guide.

No registration refunds will be granted after the registration deadline for those who do not attend.

No late registrations will be accepted.

Only paid registrants may participate in conference events.

Required Forms

TIP: Download and open the below forms in Adobe Acrobat to view the fillable form fields.

- [Multiple Release Form](#)
 - Must be completed by ALL attendees
 - Copies to be kept with the Chapter Advisor at all times
- [Chapter Certification Form](#)
 - Signed by the Chapter Advisor and a school administrator
 - Submitted by **Oct. 31, 2025**

Championships

The SkillsUSA Championships are career competition events showcasing the best career and technical education students. The philosophy of the Championships is to reward students for excellence, to involve industry in directly evaluating student performance, and to keep training relevant to employers' needs.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS

The SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards are the official competition guide for the SkillsUSA Championships. They contain rules for all national events, including an overview, lists of technical skills and knowledge required, clothing requirements, eligibility, and equipment lists. The Technical Standards can be accessed via [Pathful](#).

COMPETITIONS AT REGIONALS

Below is a list of competitions we are offering at all SkillsUSA Tennessee Regional Conferences 2025.

Eligibility

Each chapter can register **one individual/team per competition**.

Competition Updates

- **National Competition Updates:** Click [here](#) to access the National Competition Updates. Please be aware of these Competition Updates as well as the SkillsUSA Tennessee Competition Updates below.
- **SkillsUSA Tennessee Regional Competition Updates:** [Contest updates](#) will be shared by Regional Coordinators and Tech Chairs in November.

Competitions and Number of Bids Available

Bids are distributed based on the capacity at the State Leadership and Skills Conference, determined by the State Technical Chair. If a student/team does not qualify at a regional conference, they may register for a non-qualifying competition at SLSC. (e.g. A student competes in Carpentry at a regional conference, receives 10th place, and thus does not receive a bid for SLSC. Although the student cannot attend SLSC in Carpentry, they may sign up for another competition, such as Job Interview, as it is a non-qualifying competition.)

Competition	West Bids Available	Midwest Bids Available	Middle Bids Available	East Bids Available	Upper East Bids Available
Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair	4	4	4	4	3
Automotive Service Technician	4	4	4	4	3
Carpentry	3	3	3	3	3
Cosmetology	3	3	3	3	3
Crime Scene Investigation	2	2	2	2	2
Welding	5	5	5	5	4
Welding Fabrication	4	4	4	4	3

TESTING: There will be **no** testing at the SkillsUSA Tennessee Regional Skills Conferences. Testing will continue to be required at the State Leadership and Skills Conference.

RESUME: All competitors are expected to bring one hard copy one-page resume with them to their competition. Resumes will be submitted to technical chairs.

Tentative Agenda

Please note the schedule is *tentative and subject to change*.

8:30 a.m. CT	Arrival
9:00 a.m. CT	Orientations
9:30 a.m. CT	Competitions
12:00 p.m. CT	Debrief
12:30 p.m. CT	Lunch
2:00 p.m. CT	Awards
2:30 p.m. CT	Departure

Dress Code

All conference attendees must be registered for the conference and comply with the following dress code policy. All registrants must wear official conference identification name badges at all times.

- See Clothing Requirements in the [Technical Standards](#) of each competition
- All Clothing Classifications with photos can be found [here](#)



Frequently Asked Questions

This list will be updated regularly with frequently asked questions regarding the 2025 SkillsUSA Tennessee Regional Conferences.

Q: Who can I contact with questions?

- For general SkillsUSA questions and membership specific questions, the [SkillsUSA Customer Care Team](#) is a great resource. They can be reached at CustomerCare@SkillsUSA.org or 844-875-4557.
- For state-specific questions, please submit a support request at skillsusatn.org/contact, and a staff member will get back to you within 1-2 business days.

Q: Registration requires a student's email address. Should I use their school or personal email address?

We highly recommend using personal email addresses, as many school districts block emails from out-of-district email addresses. Communications about conference happenings and competitions will be communicated through either a @tn.gov or @gmail.com email address. In the past, some chapter advisors have used their email addresses for each student; however, we would use caution with that option because then that would put a lot of work on the advisor to forward information out as it comes. If you do not want to use personal email addresses and you are unable to receive outside-of-district emails, we recommend working with your IT department to put @tn.gov and @gmail.com on your district's safe sender list.

Q: Why do Regions have different bids to the SLSC?

An interactive regional map can be accessed by clicking the image or by clicking [here](#). After analyzing membership data, competition data, and stakeholder input, this configuration (Option D in the [stakeholder survey](#)) has the most benefits for the broadest group of SkillsUSA Tennessee members. This configuration will shorten travel time within a region and align regions with time zones, thus making participation more accessible. Bids are based on this chart and the number of affiliated schools in each region.

Q: Can my chapter attend a different Regional Conference?

If a chapter falls on or near a region line, the lead advisor can submit a request to the state office [here](#) by **Oct. 14, 2025**. The request to switch regions must include a justification for the switch, and if approved, that switch will remain in place for the two-year cycle. Please note that if a SkillsUSA chapter is in a county/district with multiple SkillsUSA chapters and submits a request to switch regions, the entire county/district must request to switch regions; otherwise, the request will be denied.