

February 12, 2010

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: SkillsUSA Advisors  
FROM: Mike Pointer, Interim State Director  
Nevada Association of SkillsUSA  
SUBJECT: Mid- Year Information

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The purpose of this mailing is to provide you with some important mid-year information, especially concerning upcoming events and due dates. Please reference the Association Calendar of Events sent in the fall mailing; the calendar is also posted on the association web site at [www.nvskillsusa.org](http://www.nvskillsusa.org).

**Item #1: SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards 2010**

If you have not already done so, please ensure your chapter has at least one copy of the newly revised SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards. The current edition applies to 2010. The standards are the national rules for every contest; the state contests will follow the 2010 national rules as closely as possible. The rules may be purchased online through the national SkillsUSA website ([www.skillsusa.org](http://www.skillsusa.org)). Select "Shop" from the main page and then select "Educational Materials Catalog."

All contests belong to one of the following categories: Leadership Development; Occupationally Related; or Skilled and Technical Sciences. Students may compete in one leadership contest and either one occupationally-related or one skilled and technical sciences contest. Also, remember that Job Skill Demonstration is a leadership contest, as it was last year.

Remember the following for enrolling students in Job Skill Demonstration. There are two contest categories: Job Skill Demonstration A and Job Skill Demonstration Open. To compete in JSD A, a student must be enrolled in a CTE program that is aligned with one or more of the SkillsUSA Championships contests. JSD A students must demonstrate a skill related to his/her training area, just as the rules state.

JSD Open is just that, open to any SkillsUSA member. The student may or may not be enrolled in a CTE program aligned with the SkillsUSA Championships and there is no requirement for the demonstration topic. To clarify, this is an open category for any student demonstrating any type of job skill.

**Item #2: State Contest Guidebook**

The State Contest Guidebook has been updated for 2010 and is currently available as a download from the state association website at [www.nvskillsusa.org](http://www.nvskillsusa.org). From the main page, select 2010 State Conference Information to access the Guidebook. Please note that this guidebook does not contain specific contest

rules. Rather, the guide is formatted to provide overall information that directly applies to state contests, such as eligibility, contest limits, clothing requirements, preparation tips, and where to locate resources.

**Item #3: 2010 Contest Limits**

The contest limits are enclosed with this mailing. For those of you new to SkillsUSA, the contest limits determine how many students per chapter (school or college) may register in each contest. Although the limits are established for 2010, they may be subject to change if enrollment in a contest dramatically changes from last year. The goal is to allow as many students to enroll in each contest as possible, while maintaining a manageable number for the contest committee.

Please note: The contest limit for Television (Video) Production three (3) teams of two (2) teams per chapter and Broadcast News Production is three (3) teams of four (4) teams per chapter for 2010.

**NOTE: (ALL CONTEST LIMITS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

**Item #4: New Contests Approved for 2010**

Please note that this year we will be offering the Pin Design Contest. Please refer to your 2010 Technical Standards for contest information.

**Item #5: 2010 State Conference Information**

The following information is currently available to help plan for the 2010 State Conference: (1) Overall Conference Agenda; (2) Contest Locations; (3) Contest Limits; (4) 2010 State Contest Guidebook (mentioned above). All information is available either on the website or enclosed with this mailing.

The general sessions, leadership contests and most skill contests will take place at the Cashman Complex in Las Vegas. Rooms are blocked at the Fiesta Henderson and at Arizona Charlies at a group rate. Detailed information about lodging and registration will be provided in the registration packet, which will be sent to all lead advisors soon. A rooming list to book your hotel rooms will be included in the packet.

Refer to the attached 2010 Contest Limits for the listing of state contests and the numbers of students per chapter permitted to enroll. The 2010 Contest Locations shows the date and site for each contest.

The national theme for 2009-10 is:

**SkillsUSA: Champions at Work**

**Connecting the Opportunities**

(How *Champions at Work*, relates to the national program of work)

The theme will be used for the Chapter Display, Prepared Speech and Promotional Bulletin Board contests. Further details about the theme are posted on the national web site at

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The theme will be used for the Chapter Display, Prepared Speech and Promotional Bulletin Board contests. Further details about the theme are posted on the national web site at <http://skillsusa.org/about/theme.shtml>. Please share the details about the theme with all students competing in one of the contests shown above. Also, proper name use for speeches; displays, etc. includes the following options: SkillsUSA, SkillsUSA Nevada, or the Nevada Association of SkillsUSA. Use of logos with the slogan is encouraged.

**The state conference registration fees for this year are \$70 per person. All students and advisors are required to fully register for the conference.**

**Item #6: Contestant Eligibility for State Contests**

Please note that students are eligible to compete in skill contests according to the national eligibility rules. The following is an example, but applies to all skill contests:

Cabinetmaking:

*Open to active SkillsUSA members enrolled in career and technical programs with cabinetmaking and millwork as the occupational objective.*

Please review the national contest rules if you have a question about student eligibility. A work-based learning program can qualify, but only when such a program is recognized for credit as a CTE course.

**Item #7: Membership Deadline**

All membership rosters must be postmarked before March 1 for students to be eligible to compete in regional and state contests. Please ensure your rosters are submitted to the national office prior to that date. Members can be added to rosters until that date.

**Item #8: Clothing Policy**

The clothing policy for the state conference general sessions changed last year to align with the national policies. Students will have three options: 1) Formal SkillsUSA attire; 2) Business dress; 3) Contest uniform *as described in the national contest rules*. The clothing policy for each contest is described in the State Contest Guidebook on the website.

**Item #9: 2010 Awards and Applications Packet**

All applications for state office, advisor of the year, the memorial scholarship, and for all other awards can be found on our state association website at [www.nvskillsusa.org](http://www.nvskillsusa.org). Due date for all applications is April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Please encourage qualified students to apply for state office positions. Students serving as state officers have an excellent opportunity to develop leadership skills. More and more, state CTSO officers are the student "spokespersons" for career and technical education. Please contact me if you have any questions about the requirements or duties of state officers.

**Item #10: SkillsUSA Week / Career and Technical Education Month**

February is recognized nationally as Career and Technical Education Month, with February 8-12

designated as SkillsUSA Week. Useful information is available for SkillsUSA promotion on the national web site ([www.skillsusa.org](http://www.skillsusa.org)). Select *Online Resources* under *Educators* from the main menu to access promotional information, such as PSA's and other downloads. This information can be used throughout the February to help celebrate Career and Technical Education Month.

### Item #11: Board of Directors Meeting

The Nevada Association Board of Directors met in Las Vegas on Saturday, January 23rd. An overview of some of the board action is shown below:

- Elected officers for 2010 for the positions of board president, vice president and secretary
- Reviewed and approved the year-to-date financial report
- Approved a minor amendment to the FY10 operating budget
- Reviewed a follow-up report for the 2009 State Leadership Conference
- Approved a survey to advisors regarding possible new contests.
- Approved a review of registration procedures
- Reviewed a status report for all contests and future conference location for 2010 and 2011  
Set the summer board meeting date for July 28, 2010
- The current board members and offices are listed below:

Ed Jensen, Member  
Academy of Arts, Careers & Tech.

Roger Routsong, Region 4  
East Career Technical Academy

Karen Vaughan, Reg. 4  
Vice President  
Foothill High School

Mike Pointer, Treasurer  
Interim State Director

Karen Cannan, Secretary,  
College Representative,  
Truckee Meadows Community College

Emily Herrin, Member  
SE Career Technical Academy

Doug Roix, President, Region 1  
Academy for Career Education

Russ Wright, Region 2  
Battle Mountain High School

Bill Barbie, Region 3  
Carson High School

Terry Avery, Region 4  
Lincoln County High School

Glenda Goetting, Member  
Secondary Administrator  
East Career Technical Academy

### Item #12: Future Conference Locations

Since the mid 1990s, we have held to a rotation schedule for the State Leadership Conference and SkillsUSA Championships, where the fall Leadership Conference rotates yearly between Elko, Henderson and Lake Tahoe, and where the SkillsUSA Championships rotates every two years between Las Vegas and Reno. The rotation was disrupted last year because of the temporary unavailability of the Cashman Center and the inability to secure other facilities that support student conferences.

The schedule for future conferences is shown below:

- 2010 Nevada SkillsUSA Championships – Las Vegas
- 2010 Fall Leadership Conference - Elko.
- 2011 Nevada SkillsUSA Championships -Las Vegas
- 2011 Fall Leadership Conference – Reno/Lake Tahoe
- 2012 Nevada SkillsUSA Championships - Reno
- 2012 Fall Leadership Conference - Henderson

The dates for next years' conferences will be announced in the May advisor mailing.

**Item #13: Upcoming Events**

Please note that the registration packets for all regional contests will be e-mailed to lead advisors this week and posted on the state association web site ([www.nvskillsusa.org](http://www.nvskillsusa.org)).

Dates	Events	Locations
February 8-12, 2010	SkillsUSA Week / CTE Month	N/A
March 1, 2010	Membership Rosters Due to SkillsUSA	N/A
March 6, 2010	Regional Automotive and Welding Contests	Automotive: CSN - Cheyenne Campus; TMCC - Edison Campus Welding: WNC; Pipe Trades Training Center; GBC
March 26, 2010	Due date for state conference registration	N/A
April 9, 2010	Due date for all applications	
April 28 - 30, 2010	Nevada SkillsUSA Championships	Las Vegas
June 21-25, 2010	National SkillsUSA Championships	Kansas City, MO
July 24-28, 2010	New State Officer Training	Horizons Casino Resort, Lake Tahoe
July 28, 2010	Board of Directors Meeting	Horizons Casino Resort, Lake Tahoe
July 28 - 30, 2010	Nevada ACTE Summer Conference	Horizons Casino Resort, Lake Tahoe

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