



SkillsUSA
NORTH DAKOTA

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It is known that a skilled workforce shortage is imminent in many of the Trade, Industry, Health and Information Technology areas throughout the nation including North Dakota. Hard work and effort continue to prepare America's skilled workforce. There are great examples of these efforts in the Trade, Industry, Health and Information Technology programs in High Schools and Postsecondary Colleges throughout the state.

SkillsUSA is the premier organization serving teachers and high-school and college students who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations. SkillsUSA's Mission is to empower students to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders and responsible community members.

SkillsUSA and our state association - SkillsUSA North Dakota - provide a "platform" where students apply and prove these leadership in the classroom and technical skills by competing against others across the state and move on to compete against the best in the nation in their chosen profession. This competition not only validates the student's ability, but also provides for networking opportunities between future employees and industry employers, industry and education.

SkillsUSA programs also help to establish industry standards for job skills training in the lab and classroom, and to promote community service. SkillsUSA is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and is cited as a "successful model of employer-driven youth development training program" by the U.S. Department of Labor.

SkillsUSA ND is a Non-Profit Organization that lifts up students to excel in their profession. In order to provide this "platform" there is a need for a tremendous amount of coordinated efforts from advisors, parents, volunteers, educational institutions and communities.

Your help is needed!

SkillsUSA would not be successful if it weren't for the generosity of the many Friends, Volunteers, Business and Industry Partners.

How you can help:

- Serving on local advisory board committees.
- Scholarships for training certificates and/or postsecondary programs.
- Judge a contest or serve as a conference volunteer. **(High Priority)**
 - **April 15, 2024 – State Conference, Bismarck, ND**
- Donate funds, materials or supplies to support technical skilled contests. **(High Priority)**
- Provide prizes for student champions in over 50 different industry sponsored events.
- Monetary Donations to help offset the expenses that are incurred to put on this event that impacts nearly 500 North Dakota students annually.

The students of SkillsUSA ND continue to strive to do their best to prove they have the leadership ability & technical skill that is needed to fill the needs of your industry.

To find more information of how your organization may be able to help or to sign up as a contest judge, please contact State Director Tracy Becker (see contact information below) or visit www.skillsusand.org.

We look forward to working with you!

Thank You,

Tracy Becker, SkillsUSA North Dakota Director