



SkillsUSA Colorado State Leadership and Skills Conference Tuesday, April 9 – Thursday, April 11, 2024

Conference Headquarters – Pueblo Convention Center
320 Central Main Street, Pueblo, CO 81003

Advisors,

Things are gearing up for the annual SkillsUSA Colorado State Leadership and Skills Conference (SLSC). As you prepare to register for the state championships, please read the following information carefully, as it contains all the information you need to register your students for this year's conference.

Conference registration fee: \$130 per student, \$120 per advisor/chaperone, FREE per parent or advisor observer (no lunch included in this option). There is an additional materials fee of \$200 per team for TeamWorks event.

New This Year:

- **Welding Sculpture** – In 2023, SkillsUSA added an onsite welding aspect to the Welding Sculpture competition. For SLSC 2024, Colorado SkillsUSA will not require this for the Welding Sculpture event, however, the student who advances to the NLSC will be required to weld onsite in Atlanta using one of the following processes: GMAW, SMAW, GTAW, FCAW, PAC, OFC.
- **Resumes** – All students will be required to upload a resume no later than Friday, March 29, 2024 at 11:59 pm MDT. Failure to do so will result in a 10-point penalty. Upload instructions will follow in a future email.
- **Transportation** – Transportation from your hotel to the convention center will **not** be provided this year. However, transportation will be provided from the Pueblo Convention Center to Pueblo Community College on April 9 & 10.
- **Hotel** – There is not a central hotel this year; chapters may stay at any hotel in the Pueblo area. The advisor is responsible for booking and paying for the hotel. Advisors may negotiate pricing and/or use rewards.

Walking Distance to Pueblo Convention Center

Courtyard by Marriott www.marriott.com
110 W 1st Street, W City Center Drive
Pueblo, CO 81003

Springhill Suites www.marriott.com
150 S Santa Fe Avenue
Pueblo, CO 81003

3 Miles from Pueblo Convention

Center Baymont www.wyndhamhotels.com
3626 N Freeway Road
Pueblo, CO 81008

Comfort Inn & Suites www.choicehotels.com
3910 Outlook Boulevard
Pueblo, CO 81008

Super 8 by Wyndham www.wyndhamhotels.com
1100 US-50
Pueblo, CO 81008

Clarion Inn and Events Center www.choicehotels.com
4001 N Elizabeth Street
Pueblo, CO 81008

4 Miles from Pueblo Convention Center

La Quinta Inn & Suites www.wyndhamhotels.com
4801 N Elizabeth Street
Pueblo, CO 81008

Wingate by Wyndham www.wyndhamhotels.com
4711 N Elizabeth Street
Pueblo, CO 81008

Quality Inn I-25 www.choicehotels.com
670 Eagleridge Blvd
Pueblo, CO 81008

Microtel Inn & Suites www.wyndhamhotels.com
3343 Gateway Drive
Pueblo, CO 81008

Holiday Inn Express & Suites www.igh.com
4530 Dillon Drive
Pueblo, CO 81008

Best Western Plus Eagleridge Inn www.bestwestern.com
4727 N Elizabeth Street
Pueblo, CO 81008

Hampton Inn and Suites Pueblo – North www.hilton.com
4790 Eagleridge Circle
Pueblo, CO 81008

Hampton Inn and Suites – Southgate www.hilton.com
3315 Gateway Drive
Pueblo, CO 81004

Important Dates & Deadlines

Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 8:00 am MST

- **SLSC registration** opens

Friday, March 1, 2024, at 11:59 pm MST

- **Testing date(s)**, proctor name, and title must be submitted to monica.buckley@cccs.edu.
- **SLSC registration** deadline
 - **No registrations will be accepted after the registration deadline**
 - No registration refunds will be processed after the registration deadline
- **State Officer Candidate** application deadline
 - Minimum of one (1) candidate per region
 - Maximum of two (2) candidates per school
- **Chapter of Excellence** applications deadline
- **Advisor of the Year** applications deadline

Monday, March 4 – Friday March 22, 2024, at 5:00 pm MST

- **Online testing** window
 - All skill-specific tests
 - All Professional Development Tests (PDT)

Friday, March 15, 2024, at 11:59 pm MST

- **SLSC payments** must be received by SkillsUSA Colorado.
 - Payments made after March 15, 2024, will include a \$100 late fee.
 - Checks should be made out to SkillsUSA Colorado and mailed to 9101 E Lowry Blvd, Denver, CO 80230.
 - All credit card payments will incur a 4% credit card fee.
 - Email miranda.hill@cccs.edu to receive an invoice which will include the credit card payment link.

Online Testing

- SkillsUSA Colorado will be conducting online contest testing prior to the State Leadership and Skills Conference.
- The testing window is March 6 – 27, 2024, at 5:00 pm MST.
 - All tests will be administered by a proctor at the school. The proctor cannot be the chapter advisor but can be another teacher or administrator.
 - Testing date(s), proctor name, and title must be submitted to Monica.Buckley@cccs.edu via email by Friday, March 1, 2024.
- Detailed information regarding online testing will be released Tuesday, March 5.
- When registering students, it is imperative that a valid individual email address is listed for each student. Do not duplicate email addresses.
- All testing will be conducted online through the Championship Hub.
 - Testing includes both the skill-specific test and the Professional Development Test (PDT).
 - Each contestant is required to take a Professional Development Test (PDT). The results will be added to their total overall score within their respective contests. The number of points allowed will not exceed 5% of the total possible points. This will also apply at the National Leadership and Skills Conference.

Special Accommodations

The SkillsUSA Complete the “Notes” portion in the registration system for members that require special accommodations. Examples of reasons students may need special accommodations include wheelchair access or interpreter services or food allergies, or IEP-determined accommodations. <https://skillsusa-register.org/>.

State Officer Elections

Being a state officer is the ultimate personal growth and student leadership experience within SkillsUSA. The skills learned through the state officer program will help these student leaders successfully serve the organization throughout their lives and future careers. A new Colorado State Officer Team will be chosen at this conference. Please have a minimum of one (1) candidate from each region and a maximum of two (2) candidates from each school apply.

Interested candidates should complete the online officer application packet. All applications are due by Friday, March 1, 2024. The online application packet can be found on the website at <https://www.skillsusaco.org/become-a-state-officer>. The State Officer Program Guide can be downloaded using this link: <https://bit.ly/SOPProgGuide23>.

Clothing Requirement

Black pants/skirt, white dress shirt & tie or blouse, or white polo shirt are the minimum dress requirements for the opening and closing ceremonies. Students not in proper attire may not participate in conference activities, including testing, competitive events, and award ceremonies. Students who are not in appropriate attire **will not be allowed on stage** to receive awards at the awards ceremony.

- For Wednesday competition: Each student and advisor will receive a SkillsUSA Colorado t-shirt. This is the official competition shirt for all competitive events only on Wednesday, April 10th. All may wear this shirt with clean, hole-free jeans and clean, casual, or safety shoes (as the contest requires) on Wednesday only. All shoes must be a closed-toe and closed heel.

The following should not be worn to any activity:

- Clothing and accessories which are sexually suggestive, which advertise drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products, or display profanity.
- See-through, tight-fitting, spaghetti straps, strapless, extremely short, or low-cut blouses/tops/dresses/ skirts.
- Pants or skirts that are worn below the hip bone; no undergarments may be showing.
- Spandex, leggings, stirrup pants, leotards, short shorts, cutoffs, or pajamas. If leggings are worn, shorts/skirt/dress must be an appropriate length over the leggings.
- Clothing that is stained, torn, or ripped.
- Bare feet.

Meals

If you have a special dietary need, please note them during the registration process. **Wednesday, April 10, is the only day meals will be provided.** Any meal not listed will be on your own. The meals listed below will be provided:

- Wednesday, April 10
 - A breakfast will be provided to all registered conference attendees, including contestants, advisors, chaperones, guests, and judges, at the Pueblo Convention center. A name badge is required for entrance.
 - Boxed lunches will be provided to all registered conference attendees, including contestants, advisors, chaperones, guests, and judges at all contest locations.
 - Advisor/Sponsor Appreciation during social – light appetizers.

Advisor Meeting

A **mandatory** advisor meeting will be held from 8:15 – 10:00 pm on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at Pueblo Convention Center.

Conference Registration, Personal and Liability Release Form

A printed copy of the SLSC Conference Registration, Personal and Liability Release Form must be on file with the advisor for each member attending the SLSC. A blank SLSC Release Form can be downloaded at: <https://bit.ly/SLSCLiabilityForm>. A signed copy of the Chapter Certification Form must be submitted at SLSC registration. The Chapter Certification Form can be downloaded using this link: <https://bit.ly/ChptCertForm23>.

Contest Rules/Technical Standards

The Official SkillsUSA Championship Technical Standards guide all contests. All contest rules shall be as stated in the SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards unless an exception has been made in the Colorado General Rules and Regulations. Contestants will be removed from competition if proper training has not been provided and/or they are using the equipment in an unsafe manner.

The decisions of the judges will be final. The SkillsUSA Colorado State Advisor and/or the State Conference Grievance forms will be available at the SkillsUSA Colorado conference headquarters. The judges are not obligated to award first, second, or third place winners if, in their opinion, the performances are below acceptable standards.

For any skills contest that has only one school competing, the regional results may be certified as the official state result at the discretion of the State Director. Some contests can be certified as the “state contest” if a) only one region in the entire state has a qualified finisher in that category, and b) there is demonstrated proof that the winners of the said contest have participated in a state-level-quality contest. For more information on contest certification, please contact the State Director.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding the SkillsUSA Colorado State Leadership and Skills Conference.

Regards,

Monica Buckley
Cell (text or voice): (720) 418-9311
Office (720) 858-2740

Conference Schedule – Tuesday, April 9

The schedule is subject to change depending on weather and facility requirements/needs.

Time	Event / Location
10:00 am – 6:00 pm Pueblo Convention Center	Conference Registration No on-site new competitor registration.
1:00 – 5:00 pm Pueblo Convention Center & Pueblo Community College	TECHSPO Encourage students to visit with those that support SkillsUSA Colorado.
1:00 – 6:30 pm Pueblo Convention Center	<p>Leadership Contests</p> <p>The top competitors from the preliminary rounds will move to the final round (<i>as necessary</i>).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Skills* • American Spirit (<i>team of 3</i>) • Chapter Display (<i>team of 3</i>) • Community Service (<i>team of 3</i>) • Employment Application Process* • Extemporaneous Speaking • Job Interview • Job Skill Demonstration A • Job Skill Demonstration Open • Opening / Closing Ceremonies (<i>team of 7</i>) • Pin Design • Prepared Speech • Promotional Bulletin Board (<i>team of 3</i>) • T-shirt Design • Welding Sculpture (see notes in New This Year) <p>* A letter from the appropriate school official on school letterhead stating that the contestant is classified under the provisions of Public Law 105-17, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 1997, is required for participation.</p>
1:00 – 6:30 pm Pueblo Community College	<p>Occupationally Related Contests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer Service • Entrepreneurship (<i>team of 4</i>) • First Aid/CPR • Related Technical Math
3:00 – 4:00 pm Pueblo Community College	<p>Contest Orientation – Attendance is <u>mandatory</u>. Safety glasses/shoes required.</p> <p>No safety glasses/shoes required for Digital Cinema Production, Television (Video) Production, and Video News Production.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automotive Maintenance & Light Repair • Automotive Refinishing • Automotive Service • Collision Damage Appraisal • Collision Repair • Digital Cinema Production (<i>team of 2</i>) • Television (Video) Production (<i>team of 2</i>) • Video News Production (formerly known as Broadcast News Production) (<i>team of 4</i>) • Welding
3:00 – 4 :00 pm Pueblo Convention Center	<p>Contest Orientation – Attendance is <u>mandatory</u>. Safety glasses/shoes required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinetmaking • Carpentry • Electrical Construction Wiring • Masonry • Plumbing • TeamWorks
5:00 – 6:30 pm Pueblo Convention Center	Quality and Chapter of Distinction Reception and Awards <i>By invitation only.</i> Light appetizers. Limit two (2) advisors and eight (8) students per chapter.
5:00 – 6:30 pm Pueblo Convention Center	Delegate Orientation – Attendance is <u>mandatory</u> for all delegates. Attendance is <u>mandatory</u> for all delegates.
7:00 – 8:00 pm Pueblo Convention Center	Opening Ceremony <i>All guests must be seated by 6:55 pm.</i>
8:15 – 10:00 pm Pueblo Convention Center	<u>Mandatory</u> Advisor Meeting
8:15 – 10:00 pm Pueblo Convention Center	<p>Delegate Business Session – Attendance is <u>mandatory</u> for all delegates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate speeches • Meet the candidates

Curfew established by local chapter advisor, not to exceed 11:30 pm.

Conference Schedule – Wednesday, April 10

The schedule is subject to change depending on weather and facility requirements/needs.

Time	Event / Location
10:00 am – 6:00 pm Pueblo Convention Center	Breakfast Conference name badge required.
8:00 am – 4:00 pm Pueblo Convention Center & Pueblo Community College	TECHSPO Encourage students to visit with those that support SkillsUSA Colorado.
8:00 am – 4:00 pm Pueblo Community College 900 W. Orman Avenue Pueblo, CO 81004 <i>Approx. 5 minutes (2.0 miles) from Convention Center</i>	Skilled & Technical Contests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-D Visualization & Animation <i>(team of 2)</i> • Advertising Design • Architectural Drafting • Audio / Radio Production <i>(team of 2)</i> • Automated Manufacturing <i>(team of 3)</i> • Automotive Refinishing Technology • Automotive Service Technology • Automotive: Maintenance and Light Repair • CNC 2 – Axis Turning Programmer • CNC 3 – Axis Milling Programmer • CNC 5 – Axis Milling Programmer • CNC Programmer • Collision Damage Appraisal • Collision Repair Technology • Computer Programming • Crime Scene Investigation <i>(team of 3)</i> • Criminal Justice • Digital Cinema Production <i>(team of 2)</i> • Facilitthon: Leadership in Facility Management • Firefighting • Information Technology Services • Interactive Application and Video Game Development <i>(team of 2)</i> • Photography • Technical Drafting • Television (Video) Production <i>(team of 2)</i> • Video News Production <i>(team of 4)</i> • Welding • Welding Fabrication <i>(team of 3)</i>
8:00 am – 4:00 pm Pueblo Convention Center	Skilled & Technical Contests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinetmaking • Carpentry • Commercial sUAS Drone <i>(team of 2)</i> • Electrical Construction Wiring • Masonry • Plumbing • TeamWorks <i>(team of 4)</i>
8:00 am – 4:00 pm Pueblo Community College <i>Not open to spectators other that advisors.</i>	Skilled & Technical Contests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbering • Cosmetology • Esthetics • Nail Care
8:00 am – 4:00 pm TBD	Skilled & Technical Contests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diesel Equipment Technology • Motorcycle Service Technology • Power Equipment Technology
6:00 – 7:30 pm Pueblo Convention Center	Delegate Business Session Attendance is mandatory for all delegates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate interviews • Slating of officers
7:30 – 10:30 pm Pueblo Convention Center	Partner/Advisor Appreciation Attendance is mandatory for all delegates. Light refreshments
7:30 – 10:30 pm Pueblo Convention Center	Student/Advisor Social Come relax and celebrate.

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Conference Schedule – Thursday, April 11

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Time	Event / Location
8:00 am – 12:00 pm Pueblo Convention Center & Pueblo Community College	TECHSPO Encourage students to visit with those that support SkillsUSA Colorado.
8:00 – 9:30 am Pueblo Convention Center & Pueblo Community College	Quiz Bowl (<i>team of 5</i>) Open to spectators. Please encourage all members to attend this fun event!
8:00 am – 12:00 pm Pueblo Convention Center	Leadership & Occupational Contest Finals (<i>as needed</i>)
8:00 am – 12:00 pm Pueblo Convention Center	Leadership Workshops
1:30 pm Pueblo Convention Center	Awards Ceremony All guests must be seated by 1:25.

Competitive Event Information

Students may compete in one event category for up to three (3) events.

- Check the 2023-2024 Technical Standards on Absorb for contest information and what contestants must supply.
- The 2023-2024 competition theme is SkillsUSA: No Limits (<https://www.skillsusa.org/about/theme/>)

Leadership Contests – Tuesday, April 9 & Thursday, April 11

Contest	Description and Safety Requirement
Action Skills* 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
American Spirit (<i>Team of 3</i>) 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS teams per school	Competition description is located here .
Chapter Display (<i>Team of 3</i>) 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS teams per school	Competition description is located here .
Community Service (<i>Team of 3</i>) 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS teams per school	Competition description is located here .
Employment Application Process* 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
Extemporaneous Speaking 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
Job Interview 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
Job Skill Demonstration A 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
Job Skill Demonstration Open 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
Opening and Closing Ceremonies (<i>Team of 7</i>) 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS teams per school	Competition description is located here .
Pin Design 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
Prepared Speech 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
Promotional Bulletin Board (<i>Team of 3</i>) 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS teams per school	Competition description is located here .
Quiz Bowl (<i>Team of 5</i>) 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS teams per school	Competition description is located here .
T-Shirt Design 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
Welding Sculpture Unlimited entries per school	In 2023, SkillsUSA added an onsite welding aspect to the Welding Sculpture competition. For SLSC 2024, Colorado will not require this for the Welding Sculpture event, however, the student who advances to NLSC will be required to weld onsite in Atlanta using one of the following processes: GMAW, SMAW, GTAW, FCAW, PAC, OFC. Competition description is located here .

* A letter from the appropriate school official on school letterhead stating that the contestant is classified under the provisions of Public Law 105-17, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 1997, is required for participation.

Occupationally Related Contests – Tuesday, April 9

Contest	Description and Safety Requirement
Customer Service 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
Entrepreneurship (Team of 4) 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS teams per school	Competition description is located here .
First Aid / CPR 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
Related Technical Math	Competition description is located here .

Skilled and Technical Contests – Wednesday, April 10 *(continued on next page)*

CO Career Cluster	Contest	Competition Description
Architecture & Construction	Cabinetmaking Regional Qualification Required! 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per REGION	Competition description is located here .
	Carpentry Regional Qualification Required! 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per REGION	Competition description is located here .
	Electrical Construction Wiring 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
	Facilithon: Leadership in Facility Management 3 HS <i>and</i> 3 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
	Masonry 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
	Plumbing 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
	Teamworks (Team of 4) Regional Qualification Required! 2 teams per REGION	Competition description is located here .
Architecture & Construction: Drafting & Design	Architectural Drafting 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
	Technical Drafting 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
Criminal Justice & Public Safety	Crime Scene Investigation (Team of 3) 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS teams per school	Competition description is located here .
	Criminal Justice 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
	Firefighting 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
Human Services: Barbering & Cosmetology	Barbering 3 HS <i>and</i> 3 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
	Cosmetology 3 HS <i>and</i> 3 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
	Esthetics 3 HS <i>and</i> 3 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
	Nail Care 3 HS <i>and</i> 3 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
Information Technology & Media Arts	3-D Visualization and Animation (Team of 2) 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS teams per school	Competition description is located here .
	Advertising Design 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
	Audio / Radio Production (Team of 2) 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
	Computer Programming 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
	Digital Cinema Production (Team of 2) 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
	Information Technology Services 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
	Interactive Application and Video Game Design (Team of 2) 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
	Photography 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
	Television (Video) Production (Team of 2) 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
	Video News Production (Team of 4) 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS teams per school	Competition description is located here .

Skilled and Technical Contests – Wednesday, April 10 (continued from previous page)

CO Career Cluster	Contest	Competition Description
Manufacturing	Automated Manufacturing Technology (<i>Team of 3</i>) 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
	CNC 2-Axis Turning Programmer 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
	CNC 3-Axis Milling Programmer 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
	CNC 5-Axis Milling Programmer	Competition description is located here .
	CNC Programmer 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
	Welding Regional Qualification Required! 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per REGION	Competition description is located here .
	Welding Fabrication (<i>Team of 3</i>) Regional Qualification Required! 1 HS <i>and</i> 1 PS students per REGION	Competition description is located here .
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	Automotive Refinishing Technology Regional Qualification Required! 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per REGION	Competition description is located here .
	Automotive Service Technology Regional Qualification Required! 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per REGION	Competition description is located here .
	Automotive: Maintenance and Light Repair Regional Qualification Required! 2 HS per REGION	Competition description is located here .
	Collision Damage Appraisal 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
	Collision Repair Technology Regional Qualification Required! 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per REGION	Competition description is located here .
	Diesel Equipment Technology 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
	Motorcycle Service Technology 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
	Power Equipment Technology 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS students per school	Competition description is located here .
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics: Aviation	Commercial sUAS Drone (<i>Team of 2</i>) 2 HS <i>and</i> 2 PS teams per school	Competition description is located here .