

SkillsUSA National Qualifier and Parents of the National Qualifier,

I have given you a copy of your Technical Standards and Contest Scenario's for your state competition already. These are National contest standards and scenario's so please look over them again. If you have misplaced them, come and see me and I will print you off a new copy. You need to follow the standards to the letter or else you will be docked points. It took me a lot of time to print off papers for you, so please do your part by reading them and studying!!!!!!! Make sure you are prepared for the competition, you will be competing against the best students in the country and competition will be fierce.

I will have an itinerary sheet for you Monday as well so that you have an idea of what meetings you will be required to attend and when. Please keep this and bring it with you to Nationals! I will also have listed times when we will be leaving and when we will arrive back into Seward.

**This year's national conference is Sat. June 23<sup>rd</sup> through Wed. the 27<sup>th</sup>.** (A little different this year because of the All-Star Baseball game in Kansas City that following weekend.)

What are your costs for attending nationals? And what do I need right away?

The School District will pick up your registration fee for the third year in a row!!! Which is \$135 you do not have to pay for. So, all I need from you is \$150 for the hotel room expenses for 4 nights in downtown Kansas City. We will be staying at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center again, 2345 McGee Street, Kansas City, MO 64108. The phone # is (816)421-1234. I will need this money right away. If you worked extra concessions, I will take that into consideration and reduce your hotel expense, just visit with me to see how much you owe.

You might be required to help me pay for travel expenses (I will see how much concession money we have left over, so hopefully I have enough to cover those expenses.)

E-Mail addresses: I need your e-mail address so that I can get a hold of you and/or so the State Director can get a hold of you.

What else will you need money for? You will need money for your own meals and entertainment (i.e. Movies, shopping, clothing, trading pins, etc.) KC Royals Baseball game or World's of Fun (depending on what they have planned for this year) is included with registration fee, so you do not need money for that.

There is a 5k SkillsUSA Champions Run Friday morning for anyone interested in running. It is \$15 and I have entry form if you are interested.

**Résumés:** Everyone will be required to have a résumé. You will be required to submit yours electronically at [www.skillsusa.org/compete/updates.shtml](http://www.skillsusa.org/compete/updates.shtml). Please make them way in advance and send them in. I would bring one copy to take your orientation as well. Come in and let's get this taken care of right away.

**SkillsUSA Test:** I will give the practice SkillsUSA test for you as well, I will have some printed for you on Monday. Please look over and study. Answers are on the last page. This test you will take on Saturday evening at our Nebraska Delegation meeting. Every contest will have a separate test for you to take on the knowledge of your Skilled Competition or Quiz Bowl Seeding. Please study up so that you can perform your tests well, it will make a big difference in how you will place overall.

Our Bus # is #8 and that will shuttle us to and from the hotel to Conference Center/Bartle Hall.

My wife and I are expecting a baby the day we are to leave for nationals, so Mr. Kolterman will be in charge. Please listen to him and follow directions. I will have things lined up and planned out, but it will be new for him. I will try to make it out there for Tuesday's competitions, if only things work out with having a baby early.

If you have any questions please come in and see me right away or give me a call.

My phone # is 402-643-4227. Mr. Holliday

It will be a fun and rewarding trip. You will get out of it what you put into it. The two out of the last three years our Quiz Bowl team finished as the National Runner-Ups!!! So, you have just as good of shot as anyone else in the country. If you spend some time studying, practicing and preparing, you will have a much better experience.