

What is SkillsUSA Organization about?

SkillsUSA is a chapter that helps students learn, be involved in community service type projects, improve as individuals and be better prepared for real-world employment.

What Community Service Projects will be involved in?

We will take part in the Annual Seward High School Blood Drive, sponsored by: SkillsUSA, FFA, FBLA, Key Club and FCCLA.

When: Date is scheduled for October 31 (8-4) and November 1st (11-6), I will let you know more when it becomes finalized. We will be required to help either by donating blood, assisting with people giving blood, promotional items and setting up.

We will also help out with the Annual Food Drive by collecting canned foods from residents who live in Seward.

That date will be Tuesday November 22 from 5:00-7:00 pm Soup Dinner will be at 7:30 pm.

You will all need to help assist in these Community Service Projects.

What else will we do being part of the SkillsUSA organization? We will do Concessions at a few Softball, Volleyball, Football, Basketball and Wrestling matches to help pay for all hotel expenses occurred at the Mid-America, State and National conferences.

You will be required to work with Mr. Holliday in your training and preparation for the SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skill Competition! (See back of this page for list of events to pick from.)

Every year our organization attends the State Skills USA leadership and Skill competition (this year it is held in Hastings). Students will be required to pay for membership fees.

State and National Dues are \$20.00. The **State Conference registrations is being paid by the school district of \$60 dollars so it is essential that you go, if you do not go to the conference then you will be required to re-imburse the school district.**

Students will also be required to pay for hotel room and meals for the 3 days and 2 nights. Cost of room per student is approximately \$45 per person. (Which will be waived if you work at the concession stands.) Dates for Concessions will be in Mr. Holliday's room.

This State Competition is truly an opportunity of a lifetime. The things you will learn, the skills you will be able to demonstrate and the enjoyment of these three days is priceless. You will have a wonderful experience and an opportunity to compete against the states best.

In the past, our organization as had the highest percentage of national qualifiers, out of any school in the state. In the last ten years we have had 110 secondary national qualifiers and three post-secondary national qualifiers. The last ten years we have earned over 234 state medals, 126 state champions and 36 team trophies.

Why is our chapter the best in the state?

Because of the dedication of our students who work hard to prepare for their competitions.

As a member of the Seward SkillsUSA organization you will be required to prepare yourself for the State Competition. You will work with Mr. Holliday on getting prepared for the State Competition on a weekly or by-weekly basis on your own time. If your competition requires a partner(s), then you will be required to work with those individuals as well. There are also short important meetings you will need to attend.

Since there is only one of me, I have kept my enrollment to 35 student members, it has been a lot for me to handle when it comes to the state event. So, in the past I have kept this organization fairly secretive because I want only the students who are truly committed in becoming the best they can be and students who are of good character. The first 35 students who pay for their membership dues will be allowed to attend.

Deadlines: October 1st is the deadline for your membership dues of \$20 and medical form.

December 5th is the deadline for the designation of the competitions in which you want to participate in. March 1st is deadline for Hotel Money if you did not help with concessions.

Important Events:

Fall Leadership Conference Sept. 27th in Columbus (Optional).

Mid-America Conference in Columbus is Oct. 27-30th (optional-Chapter officers are encouraged.)

SkillsUSA State Conference in Hastings is April 12th-April 14th.

National SkillsUSA Conference in Kansas City is June 23rd -27th. (For those that qualify)