



SkillsUSA/Lowe's Community Outreach Challenge

*January 9, 2019—Open House
6:00-8:00pm*

Will YOUR SHOP win the prize?

1st Prize-- \$250.00

2nd Prize—100.00

3rd prize-- \$75.00

Winning shops will be selected by a team of alumni and Lowe's reps according to the following criteria:

- Station emphasizes SAFETY and proper tool usage/techniques.
- Planning and implementation of display is student driven.
- Interactive/hands-on value of the shop's display.
- Students' professionalism, articulation, and leadership skills.
- Overall attractiveness, fun and appeal of the display.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH CHALLENGE

Our Models of Excellence Project for this school year will once again be a Community Outreach Challenge held in conjunction with the January Open House.

Overview—

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for students to develop leadership and communication skills by promoting their shop during open house with an interactive/hand-on experience.

Goal: Students will create an interactive station in the hall outside of their shop* that allows parents, prospective students, and visitors to experience the shop in a hands-on way. (In the event that there is limited hall space outside of the shop, the station can be placed just inside the shop, but must be clearly identified.)

Outline—

- Each shop will nominate a team of students (approx. 4-6) to represent their shop's booth at Open House.
- The students will plan a community outreach activity using readily available materials or items that fit into the shop's yearly budget. The idea is for students to engage in conversations with the public and have the public use their tools and equipment to see what their work is really like.
- Booths should be set up outside of the shop (if possible) on the evening of Open House and clearly marked with the Lowe's/SkillsUSA Career-Ready Starts Here Poster (provided by us).
- Safety must be emphasized from start to finish, including proper PPE's for all students AND guests.

Prizes/Incentives:

- Student Representatives for each shop will be provided with red GL Tech Skills t-shirts (to keep and wear at open house) courtesy of our Lowe's Models of Excellence grant.
- Student booths will be judged by a team of alumni and Lowe's representatives. Winning shops **will receive cash prizes from the Lowe's grant** (1st prize-\$250.00, 2nd Prize \$100.00, 3rd prize, \$75.00). The student reps with approval from their instructor will decide how they want to spend the money (shop t-shirts, a pizza party, defer the cost of a field trip, etc.).

As always, thank you for your support of Greater Lowell SkillsUSA and our programs!



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Technical Instructor's Question and Answers

1. What if my shop already does something for open house?

- * *We know that many shops already have a display or activity taking place. This is not meant to replace it, but add to it. The student leaders from your shop area can plan how they want to take what you normally do and either make it more interactive, or add an interactive hands-on component.*

2. How can I do this when it's always so busy?

- * *This event should be 100% student planned and implemented with your approval. They should be proposing to you what they want to do, and asking permission to use items readily found in the shop, but the teacher should not have to do any of the work.*

3. What if I don't have money in my shop's budget to do another activity?

- * *This activity should not need to be funded. Students should be planning an activity that uses readily available materials, tools, or scrap.*

4. I don't fully understand what this project is. Where can I get more information?

- * *Once you have provided us with the names of the students who have volunteered (or have been drafted) to represent this project, we will meet with those students and provide a step-by-step checklist so that they know exactly how to organize this. We will also send copies of the resources to teachers.*

5. Why is SkillsUSA getting involved with open house?

- * *SkillsUSA is aligned with your technical standards, especially those that relate to career readiness. Taking a leadership role, being able to articulate clearly, work as a team, and demonstrate their skill is a huge part of that. The Models of Excellence/Lowe's grant that we won last summer has provided us with funds to implement an activity that engages the public and aligns with the career readiness frameworks.*

6. Who chooses the winner?

- * *All booths will be judged by a team comprised of SkillsUSA Alumni and Lowe's representatives. A copy of the rubric is provided.*

7. How do we get the prize money?

- * *Prize money will be transferred from the grant funds in the Skills account to the shop/cluster account. Your lead students, in cooperation with the instructor, will decide how the money should be spent (pizza party, shop t-shirts, field trip). From here, the instructor will follow the regular procedure for submitting a purchase order. We can help you with this if you're new to the process.*