

SkillsUSA Opportunities for

Freshman

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***FOR FULL CONTEST OUTLINES, PLEASE CONTACT ANY ONE OF THE SKILLSUSA ADVISORS.**

Contest Name: Career Choice Commentary

Shop Alignment: Exploratory Students

Eligibility: Freshman Students Only

Contest Type: Individual

In-House Competition: As needed based on student interest.

District Event: No

State Event: YES

National Event: No

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Official Contest Description:

From the 2018 State Technical Standards:

“This contest assesses basic public speaking skills through the delivery of a three to five minute commentary.

“Contest Guidelines: The topic for the Career Choice Commentary is based on the Freshman Exploratory experience. Within this topic, contestants might illustrate or discuss any of the following:

- How the Exploratory program helped the contestant to evaluate and choose a trade area to pursue.
- How the Exploratory program taught the contestant to value different talents/skills and to appreciate the talents they have as well as the talents of others.
- How the Exploratory program experience promotes decision-making and problem solving by teaching students to process all perspectives in a respectful and productive manner.
- How the Exploratory program helped to broaden the awareness of the contestant to foster an open-minded approach to learning.
- How the contestant made the decision to pursue the particular trade they have chosen and how that decision aligns with their life goals.”

Contest Name: Exploratory Project Demonstration

Shop Alignment: Exploratory Students

Eligibility: Freshman Students Only

Contest Type: Individual

In-House Competition: As needed based on student interest.

District Event: No

State Event: YES

National Event: No

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Official Contest Description:

From the 2018 State Technical Standards:

“Purpose: To evaluate each contestant’s ability to demonstrate and explain the steps involved in creating the contestant’s favorite project from the freshman Exploratory experience. The actual finished project from Exploratory must also be presented.

“Eligibility: This contest is open to active SkillsUSA members currently enrolled in the Freshman Exploratory. Exploratory may be completed before participating in the competition but contestant must still be in their Freshman year of their CTE experience.

“Skill Performance: The contest requires the demonstration of the steps involved in creating their project sample. The contestant must bring the finished project with them, but may bring additional components to demonstrate the creation of the finished project. The demonstration shall be accompanied by a clear explanation of the project and why this particular project was chosen.”

Contest Name:	Sticker Design Contest
Shop Alignment:	Exploratory Students
Eligibility:	Freshman Students Only
Contest Type:	Individual
In-House Competition:	As needed based on student interest.
District Event:	No
State Event:	YES
National Event:	No

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Official Contest Description:

This contest challenges the student to create a SkillsUSA Greater Lowell sticker that captures the spirit of both SkillsUSA and Greater Lowell Tech. Students must design and produce a full color sticker using either design software or hand drawn artwork following all state guidelines. In addition, students will present their design and concept to the judges and answer questions posed by the judges.

From the 2018 state technical standards:

“Contestants will deliver a three- to five minute presentation regarding their design. Talking points should include:

- a. How he or she came up with the design of the sticker
- b. The process in which he or she designed the sticker
- c. Why he or she feels it represents their school
- d. What are its unique qualities?
- e. Why other students/advisors would want to have it

“After your presentation, the judges will ask questions related to Sticker Design, and SkillsUSA at your school” (maskillsusa.org).

Contest Name: **STEM Immersion Challenge**

Shop Alignment: Exploratory Students

Eligibility: Freshman Students Only

Contest Type: Team Event—2 Students

In-House Competition: As needed based on student interest.

District Event: No

State Event: YES

National Event: No

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Official Contest Description:

From the State Contest Guidelines Distributed in the Advisor’s Handbook:

“The Freshmen STEM Immersion competition is designed to serve students who have completed 2-3 of the Freshman Exploratory courses in the following areas: CAD, Electronics, Robots, Mechatronics, Automated Manufacturing, Engineering, [Programming and Web], or Graphic arts.

“General Requirements: Students will apply general skills used in the exploratory courses and LittleBits to solve a new problem that will assist someone with restricted abilities. Students will work in teams of two (2). Students can bring laptops (not required). Students will use parts and pieces from the LittleBits Stem Classroom Solution (available from Educational STEM Solutions, LLC). Other miscellaneous supplies donated by workshop coordinator.”

District Conference Ambassadors/Delegates

Shop Alignment:	Any Technical Area
Eligibility:	All Students
Event Type:	Volunteer/Social Event
Number Needed:	We will need approx. 50 students to assist in running districts.
When to Apply:	Applications are accepted from January 1 st of each year and close the day before the district conference in March.
How to Apply:	Complete and return the SkillsUSA District Volunteer Packet to Student Activities, a SkillsUSA advisor, or a SkillsUSA drop-box.
Where to Apply:	Packets can be <u>downloaded</u> from our website on the District Conference page at https://gltechskills.com/district-conference-information or can be <u>picked up</u> from the SkillsUSA table outside of Student Activities.
Contact Person:	Student Activities Coordinator or SkillsUSA Lead Advisor

Summary: Greater Lowell serves as the host school for the District 4 competition and we need students to assist us in running the events of the day. You would be needed for the full day of the District Conference, held in March of each year.

You can NOT participate as an ambassador/delegate if you are competing in a technical event.

Time of Event: Ambassadors/Delegates begin assisting advisors at 8:00 am and finish at approximately 6:00 pm. You will need to arrange transportation home at the end of the conference. Students volunteering for this event MUST commit to staying for the entire day.

Lunch, Dinner, and t-shirts will be provided.

State Conference Voting Delegates

Shop Alignment:	Any Technical Area
Eligibility:	All Students, but priority is given to those students who have been involved with SkillsUSA all school year, or who medaled at Districts but did not qualify for States.
Event Type:	Volunteer/Leadership Development
Number Needed:	10-20 students, depending on funding and need.
When to Apply:	Applications are accepted until March 30 th of each year or until all available spaces are filled. Applications received on/before to March 1 st will be given first consideration.
How to Apply:	Complete and return the Direct-to-State Interest Form to Student Activities, a SkillsUSA advisor, or a SkillsUSA drop-box.
Where to Apply:	Forms can be <u>downloaded</u> from our website on the https://gltechskills.com/contests-and-outlines-by-shop or can be <u>picked up</u> from the SkillsUSA table outside of Student Activities after January 1st.
Contact Person:	Student Activities Coordinator or SkillsUSA Lead Advisor

Summary:

State Conference Voting Delegates will attend the state conference as representatives of the school. It will be the delegates' responsibility to campaign for our state officer candidate, vote for the coming year's state officer team, and to debate/vote on any items of business that the state may propose. Delegate Managers, Campaign Managers and advisors will work with delegates to ensure that they are prepared and comfortable in any roles they are assigned.

You can NOT participate as a voting delegate if you are competing in a technical event, a freshman event, or certain leadership development events.

Due to cost, some leadership contestants will be dual registered as voting delegates.