

Fact Sheet for SkillsUSA and WorldSkills USA Team

2024 WorldSkills Competition to be held Sept. 10-15 in Lyon, France

About SkillsUSA

SkillsUSA is America's proud champion of the skilled trades. It's a student-led partnership of education and industry that's building the skilled workforce our nation depends on with graduates who are career ready, day one. Representing more than 380,000 career and technical education students and teachers, SkillsUSA chapters thrive in middle schools, high schools and college/postsecondary institutions nationwide. SkillsUSA's mission empowers students to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders and responsible community members. That mission is accomplished through the SkillsUSA Framework of Personal Skills, Workplace Skills and Technical Skills Grounded in Academics, which is integrated into classroom curriculum. At the same time, students hone their high-level technical skills against current industry standards in more than 130 skilled trade areas, from 3-D Animation to Welding.

2024 WorldSkills USA Team

SkillsUSA will field a team of talented young skilled trades experts who will represent the United States at the **2024 WorldSkills Competition (WSC) to be held Sept. 10-15 in Lyon, France**. SkillsUSA determines participation in specific WSC events based on the availability of a well-qualified competitor, a technical expert, confirmed industry commitment and financial resources for advanced training and support.

In 2024, the WorldSkills USA team plans to compete in the multiple skill areas that will be announced as industry support is gained and the team is fielded. SkillsUSA selects team members through a process that considers technical ability based on past SkillsUSA Championships scores or industry competitions as well as a competitor's true passion for the trade. Also heavily considered is the competitors ability to dedicate considerable time to prepare for the event through intensive training that takes place over many months. A competitor at the WorldSkills competition must be 22 or younger in the year of the competition. Competitors in Information Network Cabling, Mechatronics, Manufacturing Team Challenge and Aircraft Maintenance may be 25 or younger.

Technical Experts

SkillsUSA appoints a technical expert for each contest in which the United States competes. These experts personally train the competitor and enlist others within their industry for training and support. During the international competition, each technical expert works with technical experts

from other countries to organize, conduct and judge that contest. Each 2024 WorldSkills USA technical expert will be announced as their competitor is named.

WorldSkills

Since 1950, WorldSkills has come to symbolize the pinnacle of excellence in vocational training and is currently represented by over 85 member countries and regions. WorldSkills inspires young people to pursue a passion for skills and pursuing excellence through competitions and promotions. The organization develops skills through global training standards, benchmarking systems and enhanced industry engagement. WorldSkills influences industry, government and educators through cooperation and research, building a global platform of skills for all. Since 1973, SkillsUSA has been recognized as the official U.S. representative to WorldSkills.

WorldSkills USA Team Sponsorship

The WorldSkills USA team is funded solely through private donations. SkillsUSA is actively seeking supporters for the 2024 WorldSkills USA team.

Resources and Links

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To ask questions or provide in-kind support, contact Brandon Hudson at <u>bhudson@skillsusa.org</u>. Learn more about WorldSkills and meet the <u>2024 WorldSkills USA team</u>.

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