

Suggested SkillsUSA Local Chapter Constitution

Constitution of The North Carolina State University SkillsUSA Chapter

Article I—Name

The official name of this organization shall be "North Carolina State University SkillsUSA Chapter."

Article II—Purposes

The purposes of this organization are:

- To assist local SkillsUSA members in their growth and development
- To unite in a common bond without regard to race, sex, religion, creed or national origin full-time students enrolled in classes with vocational trade and industrial, technical and health occupations education objectives
- To develop leadership abilities through participation in educational, vocational, civic, recreational and social activities
- To foster a deep respect for the dignity of work
- To assist students in establishing realistic vocational goals
- To help students attain a purposeful life
- To create enthusiasm for learning
- To promote high standards in all phases of occupational endeavor including trade ethics, workmanship, scholarship and safety
- To develop the ability of students to plan together, organize and carry out worthy activities and projects through the use of the democratic process
- To foster a wholesome understanding of the functions of labor and management organizations, and a recognition of their mutual interdependence
- To create among students, faculty members, patrons of the school and persons in industry a sincere interest in and esteem for trade, industrial, technical and health occupations education
- To develop patriotism through a knowledge of our nation's heritage and the practice of democracy
- To emphasize the importance of continuous education consistent to the needs of the individual and the requirements of his or her chosen occupation

Article III—Organization

Section 1. The North Carolina State University SkillsUSA Chapter shall be affiliated with the North Carolina Association of SkillsUSA. The chapter shall operate in accordance with its charter granted by the North Carolina association.

Section 2. Chapter activities shall be coordinated by appropriate executive and senior councils.

Section 3. The executive council shall promote involvement and provide assistance with involvement in the Professional Development Program.

Section 4. All advisors shall meet periodically to discuss SkillsUSA as it relates to the instructional program. Their advice and counsel shall be transmitted to the section executive and senior councils through the section advisor.

Article IV—Membership

Section 1. Membership in the chapter shall be open to students enrolled in a coherent sequence of courses at North Carolina State University that prepares them for a career or further education in trade, industrial, technical and health occupations areas.

Section 2. Chapter membership shall be open to all students regardless of race, sex,

religion, creed, national origin or disabilities, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Section 3. State and national membership shall be permitted only through the chapter, and all members of the local chapter must be members of the state and national organization.

Section 4. Classes of membership that will be recognized are:

Active Membership—Students enrolled in a coherent sequence of courses or career major that prepares the student for further education and/or employment related to technology, the health industry, trades or industry and is earning credit toward a diploma/certificate or its equivalent.

Alumni Membership—Former active members who are no longer enrolled in vocational-technical education. Although alumni members pay dues and may participate at the national level through the Youth Development Foundation of SkillsUSA Inc., they are not eligible to serve as national voting delegates, hold national office or otherwise represent the State Active Association membership in SkillsUSA. Charters may be issued for local and state alumni associations. The Board of Directors approves appointments to the National Alumni Coordinating Committee, which oversees contributions to the SkillsUSA National Alumni Fund, a fund that supports a variety of worthwhile projects for active SkillsUSA members.

Professional Membership (Postsecondary only)—Persons associated with or participating in the professional development of SkillsUSA, who pay dues as established by SkillsUSA, will be recognized as professional members.

Honorary Life Membership—Individuals who have made significant contributions to the development of SkillsUSA and vocational trade, industrial, technical and health occupations education whose membership has been approved by the chapter executive council upon the recommendation of the chapter. The chapter shall provide membership services.

Section 5. A membership year shall be from September 1 through August 31.

Section 6. Members shall be responsible for paying \$15 dues annually.

Article V—Executive Council

Section 1. There shall be an executive council consisting of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, parliamentarian, reporter, and historian.

Section 2. The chapter officers of North Carolina State University SkillsUSA shall be nominated and elected by ballot at the first regular business session or chapter meeting of each school year. A majority vote of the active members shall be necessary to elect an officer.

Section 3. In circumstance that an executive council member should fail to fulfill their duties to the organization, they may be removed by a majority vote of the senior council and then a 2/3 majority vote of the membership.

Article VI—Senior Council

Section 1. The purpose of the senior council, having extensive knowledge and experience in the organization, is to advise the executive council on all matters pertaining to the North Carolina State University SkillsUSA chapter.

Section 1. The senior council shall consist of no more than seven North Carolina State University SkillsUSA members who have three or more years of prior experience in SkillsUSA.

Section 2. Members of the senior council shall hold office for their term of membership in North Carolina State University's SkillsUSA chapter as long as they are students of

the university and are in good academic standing as defined by the Student Organization Resource Office.

Section 3. If at any time, a member of the senior council should decide to relinquish their position, they may do so.

Section 4. Upon the retirement of a senior council member, a new member will be selected by the executive council after an application and interview process has been completed.

Section 5. Executive council members will to be allowed to serve on both the executive council and senior council concurrently.

Section 6. In circumstance that a senior council member should fail to fulfill their duties to the organization, they may be removed by a majority vote of the executive council and then a 2/3 majority vote of the membership.

Article VI— Chapter Meetings

Section 1. Regular chapter meetings shall be held during the school year.

Section 2. The executive council and senior council shall meet in advance of every chapter meeting.

Section 3. Parliamentary procedure of all meetings will be governed by *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

Article VII—Finance

Section 1. The chapter will be responsible for state and national SkillsUSA dues, according to the number of individual members claimed in each membership classification.

Section 2. The chapter advisor shall be responsible for the finances and will furnish an annual audit to the state SkillsUSA director and the membership.

Section 3. The executive council and chapter advisor shall discuss the need for any expenditures and reach a common agreement on how the funds are to be spent prior to the spending.

Article VIII—Voting

Section 1. North Carolina State University SkillsUSA members shall exercise their franchise through voting delegates at state conferences. There shall be one delegate per every twelve members and one alternate to represent the chapter in the North Carolina SkillsUSA House of Delegates.

Section 2. Each active member in good standing shall have the right to cast his or her vote concerning all chapter business and election of officers.

Article IX — Logo, emblem and colors

The logo, ceremonial emblem and colors of North Carolina State University SkillsUSA shall be that of the national organization. The wearing or use of the logo, emblem and colors will be governed by the national organization.

Article X—Amendments

The chapter constitution shall be amended as follows:

A. All proposed amendments to the constitution shall be submitted in writing to the chapter Executive Council.

B. If the Executive Council passes the proposed amendment or an amended form of the proposed amendment by a majority vote, and the membership votes by two-thirds majority for the amendment, it shall be effective.

Article XI—Rules, regulations and bylaws

Section 1. Such rules, regulations and bylaws as are deemed necessary for the proper conduct of this organization shall be adopted.

Section 2. No rules, regulations or bylaws shall be adopted that are contrary to this constitution.