



On October 15, SkillsUSA Georgia announced plans to host the 2021 State Leadership and Skills Conference in a hybrid format with some contests occurring virtually and others occurring in-person at the Georgia World Congress Center. Since then, the conditions surrounding COVID-19 in our state have worsened as signified by the recent reopening of a temporary state hospital at the Georgia World Congress Center. Additionally, we are challenged with frequent school closings and many school districts are restricting student travel. Lastly, some of our industry partners who bring the equipment/supplies for competition and serve as judges, are under travel restrictions of their own.

In taking into consideration the aforementioned conditions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in our state, a meeting with the SkillsUSA Georgia Board of Directors was called. The Board of Directors met Thursday, January 14th at 4PM and agreed that SkillsUSA Georgia cannot proceed with the hybrid conference as planned. Thus, the Board of Directors voted to transition SLSC to a remote/virtual conference. The goal of the remote/virtual State Leadership and Skills Conference is to allow competitors an opportunity to showcase their abilities and be recognized at the state level and earn the opportunity to compete at the National Leadership and Skills Conference. It is our mission to provide as many hands-on contest opportunities as possible for SkillsUSA Georgia competitors to showcase their skills!

New!

The majority of Skilled and Technical Sciences contests will now occur as Remote Hands-On/Virtual Submission Contests. These contests will occur locally at a student's school in their classroom/lab during the week of March 8-12. A more

detailed contest schedule will be posted on or around January 31st.

Students will be required to compete on the specific day posted. Each contest will last no longer than four hours (some exceptions apply). Each chapter/advisor/contestant should plan to allow the contestant uninterrupted time. Contestants will NOT be able to start and stop the contest to coincide with the school bell schedule. Other Remote Hands-On Contest General Guidelines:

- Each school will need to have a live stream of the student competing that will be uploaded to SkillsUSA Georgia in .mp4 format.
- A local industry proctor, arranged by the instructor, must be present during the competition to serve as an impartial expert who will help document several competencies for the judges. Review proctor roles and responsibilities [here](#).
- Contest specific written tests will be reinstated for each contest, to be conducted virtually via SkillsUSA Absorb.

SkillsUSA Georgia will also still be conducting virtual submission and virtual live contests. Please review the contest chart [here](#) for more information about all of our SkillsUSA Georgia contests.

Please see the SLSC Contest schedule below. Please note that there are no makeup days available.

**ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE- FINAL DETAILS WILL BE
RELEASED BY FEB 5**

PRIOR TO SLSC



Date	Event
February 12, 2021	State Conference Registration Deadline
February 12, 2021	Proctor Form Due
February 12, 2021	Advisor of the Year Deadline
February 12, 2021	Quality Chapter - CEP Deadline
February 12, 2021	Release State Contest Guidelines
February 12, 2021	Release Virtual Live Contestant Times
February 15, 2021	State Officer Application Deadline
February 24, 2021	Champ Camp Date
February 22 - 26	Professional Development Career Readiness Assessment
February 22 - 26	Contest Testing
February 22 - 26	State Officer Exam
February 23, 2021	State Officer Interviews
March 5th, 2021	SLSC Payment Deadline
March 4-5, 2021	Virtual Opening Ceremony - Available on Demand



DURING SLSC

Date	Event
March 8, 2021	Cosmetology Remote Hands-On Contest
March 9-10, 2021	Transportation & Public Safety Remote Hands On
March 11-12, 2021	Construction & Welding Remote Hands-On Contests
March 8, 2021	Chapter of Distinction - CEP Deadline
March 15, 2021	Virtual Submission Deadline (5pm Deadline)
March 15, 2021	Release Chapter Business Packet (Released at 8AM)
March 17, 2021	Live Virtual Contests
March 17, 2021	Meet the Candidate Discussion Board (5-7 PM in virtual conference center)
March 18, 2021	Voting Delegates- Election Day
March 19, 2021	Virtual Top 5 Lives for Remote Hands-On Contests, if necessary

POST SLSC

Date	Event
March 31, 2021	SkillsUSA GA Office will mail medallions & CEP Banners - Notice of final mailing will be emailed to all advisors
Your Choice	Local Awards Ceremony - Script provided by SkillsUSA Georgia

Advisors, because we are moving forward in a virtual format each contestant will access their contest materials through SkillsUSA Absorb. This access will require you to get a personal email address for each student. Please be working to gather this information so you can put it in the SkillsUSA registration system when registering your students for SLSC.

Moving forward, SkillsUSA Georgia is working quickly to provide a Contest Guide for each contest. The Contest Guide will generally outline how a contest will be conducted in this new remote/virtual format. Please check back regularly to see if your Contest Guide has been uploaded. SkillsUSA Georgia's goal is to have all guides uploaded on/around January 31st.

For details about advisor responsibilities please check out our Advisor's Guide to SLSC. There is also more information on our [website](#).

Advisors, we appreciate your commitment and hard work to make sure your students are still able to compete in SkillsUSA Georgia's Championships. Our office's commitment is to make this as easy as possible for you to execute alongside your chapter student leaders. We appreciate your patience as we work to pivot as quickly as possible to this new remote/virtual format.

Warm Regards,
The SkillsUSA Georgia Office
