



## Ohio Trade & Industrial Education

April 30, 2020

### 2020 SkillsUSA Ohio State Championships Official Cancellation

"On March 13, 2020, Governor DeWine issued an executive order declaring a state of emergency in Ohio due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Ohio Department of Education and SkillsUSA Ohio remain committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its members."

On March 27, 2020, SkillsUSA Executive Director Chelle Travis made the difficult decision to cancel the National Leadership and Skills Conference.

**Since March 13, we have been investigating multiple ways to allow students to compete in a virtual competition environment. However, after the announcement from the Governor on April 20 that schools will not be resuming in classroom instruction for the rest of the academic year, SkillsUSA Ohio and the SkillsUSA Ohio Board of Directors have made the difficult decision to completely cancel all state level competitions for 2020.**

We recognize this is will be hard on all of our students and especially our seniors. We considered a multitude of factors prior to making the decision and did not come to this conclusion lightly.

In an effort to recognize students and award winners, we will be taking the following steps:

- We will still be printing the State Championships program and mailing a set number of copies to schools with the names of all of the Regional Qualifiers and award winners. We will also be issuing the pdf version so all students can have a copy.
- The current State Officers will be doing a farewell message on social media to complete their year and congratulate their peers.

- The SkillsUSA Ohio State Director will also be doing a virtual presentation to the Officers and SkillsUSA Ohio membership via social media (Facebook Live).
- We will be holding State Officer Elections virtually and we will be contacting schools directly to discuss details of candidacy and the revised election process.
- The Chapter Excellence Program Winners, as well as Advisor of the Year and the Lifetime Achievement Award Winners, will be invited to Fall Leadership Conference to be recognized officially on stage.