

**In SkillsUSA, students learn  
by planning and carrying  
out their own activities**

*“The job I’m starting after graduation is from a contact I made while in SkillsUSA.”*

*“One benefit of SkillsUSA is the people you meet. The friendships you develop will last a lifetime.”*

*“Being a member of SkillsUSA gives me a relationship with other students who have similar career goals.”*



## SkillsUSA Championships

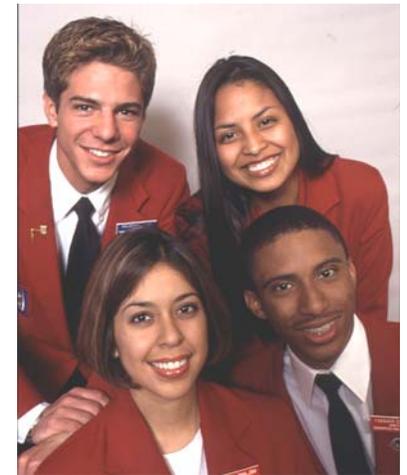
The SkillsUSA Championships is the showcase activity of the SkillsUSA organization. This annual event begins with contests in classrooms. Winners advance through district or regional events, to state competition. Only the best make it to the national event. Students benefit no matter how they place in their contests. They test their skills, make job contacts, and have a chance for recognition. State and national winners receive gold, silver and bronze medallions, scholarships, tools and other awards. The national SkillsUSA Championships is considered the largest single-day of corporate volunteerism in America. Visit [www.skillsusa.org](http://www.skillsusa.org) for a complete list of national competitions.



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## Be a Champion with SkillsUSA

**SkillsUSA is showing everyone  
how vital career and technical  
education is to America’s future**



  
**SkillsUSA**  
Champions at Work®



## What is SkillsUSA?

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit student organization that serves students enrolled in career and technical education training programs at our nation's public high schools and colleges. SkillsUSA's mission is to help its members become world-class workers and responsible American citizens.

SkillsUSA complements technical skills training with instruction in the employability skills that make a well-rounded worker and citizen. Founded in 1965, SkillsUSA has developed nearly 8 million workers through active partnerships between employers and educators.

## Our Membership

SkillsUSA has approximately 13,000 school chapters in 54 state and territorial associations, and serves more than 266,000 members annually. More than 14,500 instructors and administrators are professional members of SkillsUSA.

**The Kaynor Technical High School chapter has over 100 members.** We are known in our school and community as leaders and skilled professional in training.

## Applied Learning

SkillsUSA is an applied method of learning where students practice skills and build self-confidence while helping their schools and communities. SkillsUSA provides experiences in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. Our program emphasizes high ethical standards, superior work skills, lifelong education and pride.

SkillsUSA activities foster the development of problem-solving ability and teamwork while building self-confidence and communication skills. These are qualities employers value and look for when hiring or promoting workers.

## Program of Work

At Kaynor Tech our SkillsUSA members grow as individuals and discover new abilities by setting their own goals, electing officers and planning and carrying out projects within our school chapters. Our members work with their instructors and community leaders.

Whether planning a career day or a community service project, our SkillsUSA activities are learning experiences because students direct them.

Our chapter focuses on the needs of our campus and community. The seven areas of our program of work are:

- v Professional development
- v Community service
- v Employment
- v SkillsUSA Championships
- v Public relations
- v Social activities
- v Ways and means