

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Patrick Podgorski

TO: Dr. Griff Powell and Dr. Kyle Schumacher and District 301 Board of Education

CC: Ted Juske

DATE: May 16th, 2025

RE: SkillsUSA Funding request to compete in the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference

Overview

The SkillsUSA Championships is the premier showcase of America's most highly skilled career and technical education students. It's also one of the largest hands-on workforce development events in the world. Held in conjunction with SkillsUSA's National Leadership & Skills Conference each June, this awe-inspiring event features more than 6,500 state champions from across the United States competing head-to-head in 114 skilled and leadership competitions.

Students attending include:

1. Samvir Devineni - Graphic Communications
2. Rukmini Gangavarapu - Community Service
3. Caleb Goldenstein - Quiz Bowl
4. Sanay Gulati - Community Service
5. Kanav Kapur - Quiz Bowl
6. Ryan Kersting - Community Service
7. Daud Khan - Quiz Bowl
8. Shubh Shah - Quiz Bowl
9. Sohan Shah - Quiz Bowl
10. Luke Vanoss - Quiz Bowl

SkillsUSA National Competition

- June 24-27, 2024 (travel dates are June 23 and June 27 or 28)
- Location: Atlanta, Georgia
- 4 doubles, 3 singles (includes advisor)

Agenda:

Monday, June 23 Travel and Ceremony

Tuesday, Jun 24, 2025

- ☐ SkillsUSA Championships & SkillsUSA TECHSPO
- ☐ Academy of Excellence
- ☐ SkillsUSA University
- ☐ Opening Session – Featuring Keynote Speaker
- ☐ Daymond John of Shark Tank

Wednesday, June 25

- ☐ SkillsUSA Championships & SkillsUSA TECHSPO
- ☐ Academy of Excellence
- ☐ SkillsUSA University
- ☐ Annual Meeting of SkillsUSA, Inc.

Thursday, June 26

- ☐ SkillsUSA Championships & SkillsUSA TECHSPO
- ☐ Academy of Excellence
- ☐ SkillsUSA University
- ☐ Champions Festival

Friday, June 27

- ☐ Community Service Project
- ☐ Awards Session

Proposed Costs

1. Register a school advisor	\$300
2. Conference Fees (\$300/student x 10 students)	\$3,000
3. Hotels	\$12,180
a. SkillsUSA requires a 5 night stay at a predetermined hotel for all participants and advisors. Rooms will be booked directly through SkillsUSA.	
b. Cost is \$1740/room 5 nights x rooms. (2 students per room + advisor room)	
i. 7 rooms (4 doubles and 3 singles) includes an advisor room. Based on 2 students per room.	
c. Hotel: Westin PeachTree Plaza Hotel 210 Peachtree St. NW Atlanta, Georgia 30303	
4. Airfare for 11 passengers (w/ 2 checked bags).	Approx \$339/each (\$3,729 Total)
a. Arrive in Atlanta 6/23 and return 6/28	
b. American Airlines (ORD - ATL)	
5. Transportation to and from airport Atlanta, Georgia (MARTA Train)	\$110
6. Parking at airport in IL (advisor)	\$100
7. Food allowance per day	\$24 day/student/advisor
Total	\$20,739.00 (Approx)