
BOARD AGENDA ITEM

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Future Action
Action

Item: Skills USA National Competition

Submitted by: Craig Weigel

Date: 4/2/26

Recommended by: Sue Gardner

Board Meeting Date: 4/20/26

RECOMMENDATION:

Requesting permission for five (5) students and two advisors to attend the National Skills USA Competition in Atlanta, Georgia on May 31st - June 6th, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

Between December and February, programs across KCTC held internal skills and leadership competitions to determine which students would represent our chapter at the Regional and/or State SkillsUSA conferences.

Twenty-five students advanced to compete at the regional competition in February, held at RESA at Lansing Community College. Of those, 14 students earned advancement to the state level. They were joined by 25 students who qualified directly for state competition.

In total, 39 KCTC participants competed at the 2026 Michigan State Leadership and Skills Conference in Grand Rapids in April. Students showcased their skills in a wide range of events, including Heavy Equipment Operation, Automotive Service Technology, Job Skill Demonstration (Open and A), Crime Scene Investigation, Community Service, Prepared Speech, Extemporaneous Speaking, 3-D Visualization and Animation, Diesel Equipment Technology, and Technical Drafting.

We are pleased to announce the following results:

- **Bronze medals:** Prepared Speech
- **Silver medals:** 3-D Visualization and Animation (team of two), Job Skills Demonstration Open, Community Service
- **Gold medals:** 3D Animation (team of two), Prepared Speech, and Diesel Heavy Equipment.

These gold medalists will go on to represent KCTC at the 2025 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Atlanta, taking place June 1-5, 2025. Lead Advisor Jessica Ramirez and Co-Advisor Mark Shultz will accompany the five students throughout this exciting and challenging week.

We are incredibly proud of all the students who dedicated their time and effort to representing both themselves and KCTC with excellence. We also extend our sincere appreciation to the instructors, administrators, and board members whose support made these opportunities possible. At this time, we respectfully request

approval for the five student competitors and two advisors to attend the National Leadership and Skills Conference. Please see the attached cost breakdown for the seven participants.

Sincerely,

Jessica Ramirez	Mark Shultz	James Cain
Criminal Justice Instructor	Criminal Justice CTES	Diesel/Heavy Equipment Instructor
Lead Advisor	Co-Lead Advisor	Co-Lead Advisor

SkillsUSA 2025 National Championships Estimated Costs

The Michigan State SkillsUSA office has coordinated a travel package for state contestants and advisors traveling to the National SkillsUSA Championships in Atlanta, GA on May 31, 2026 and returning on June 6, 2026. The package includes:

- Conference registration fees
- Hotel accommodations at Omni Atlanta Hotel
- Friday night dinner
- Michigan spirit items and trading pins
- Taxes and gratuities

Conference Registration Fees

- Five students, 2 advisors X \$495 **\$3,465.00**

Hotel Accommodations

- **May 31st - June 6th** (6 nights): 5 Contestants (2 rooms) and 2 Advisors (2 rooms)
 - (\$350.00 x 4 rooms = \$1,400.00 x 6 nights) **\$8,400.00**

Travel Expenses

We are scheduled to use two KCTC fleet vehicles to accommodate advisors, students, and equipment. The total trip distance is approximately 1,800 miles roundtrip per vehicle. The mileage estimate below is calculated using the state mileage reimbursement rate (actual fuel costs are expected to be significantly lower). Estimated parking expenses are also included below.

- 3600 miles round trip (838 miles one way, 1,676 round trip- rounded up to 1,800 for incidental miles x 2 vehicles) **\$2,610.00**
 - .725 per mile mileage rate
- Parking - 6 days at hotel (\$70/day) **\$840.00**
 - \$70 x 6 days x 2 vehicles

Meal Expenses (June 1 - 6 = 6 days)

- \$85 per day x 7 people x 7 days **\$4,165.00**

Miscellaneous Expenses

- Five students, 2 advisors x \$100 per **\$700.00**

GRAND TOTAL: \$20,180