SkillsUSA is a national student organization serving individuals enrolled in career and technical education programs at our nation’s high schools and colleges. SkillsUSA’s mission is to develop our members into world-class workers and entrepreneurs as well as responsible American citizens. SkillsUSA complements technical skill training with the development of employability skills that make a well-rounded worker and citizen. Founded in 1965, the organization has developed more than 12.5 million workers through active partnerships between employers and educators. SkillsUSA is endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education and state departments of education and is cited in federal legislation as an integral part of the career and technical curriculum. SkillsUSA Louisiana is part of this national organization.

SkillsUSA makes a difference in student performance.

State and national data supports the fact that participation in career and technical education and SkillsUSA makes a difference in student performance. State and national data collected through the Carl D. Perkins Act of 2006 consistently demonstrates the outstanding performance of students who concentrate in career and technical education. Recent data analyzed in Nebraska illustrates the impact of career and technical education (CTE) on student performance and engagement.

Further data analysis documents that participation in career and technical education and SkillsUSA erase the differences in student academic and technical performance based on socio-economic and racial factors. Nebraska data can be found at: www.education.ne.gov/nce/data-research-analytics-draw/

SkillsUSA Louisiana’s secondary division and the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) are committed to ensuring the state has a skilled workforce. The two have formed a formal partnership in which both high school graduates and SkillsUSA Championships gold medalists are eligible for scholarships.

“We share the same core principles as SkillsUSA, and we are honored to offer these students the opportunity to continue their education and participation in SkillsUSA at our colleges.”

Monty Sullivan, president, LCTCS

“The partnership between SkillsUSA Louisiana that the Louisiana and Technical College System offers for high school students enrolled in career and technical education reinforces the values and mission of SkillsUSA.”

Larry Rabalais, SkillsUSA Louisiana Secondary Division Executive Director
SkillsUSA benefits students by:

- Teaching teamwork and leadership
- Reinforcing employability skills
- Offering a national contest program
- Providing ways to serve the local community
- Offering $1 million in scholarships annually
- Helping students meet potential employers

SkillsUSA benefits teachers by:

- Enhancing the technical curriculum
- Helping improve class attitudes
- Giving students a way to test their skills
- Providing avenues for local industry support
- Helping showcase training programs
- Gaining greater administrator support
- Providing opportunities to network

SkillsUSA benefits schools by:

- Showcasing the school to the community
- Helping instructors meet educational standards
- Improving the quality of training programs
- Providing opportunities for recognition
- Helping to produce more qualified graduates
- Assisting with recruitment and enrollment

SkillsUSA benefits industry by:

- Ensuring that programs meet industry needs
- Providing opportunities for employment
- Helping to promote specific industries
- Offering a way to support local programs

National Program of Work
SkillsUSA activities are learning experiences because they’re directed by students. The SkillsUSA program of work includes:

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

For the latest SkillsUSA information, visit: www.skillsusa.org