



THE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

ILLINOIS' ELITE CAREER COMPETITIONS

General Sessions

Opening Session

Thursday, April 24: 7 p.m. | Peoria Civic Center – Exhibit Halls B + C *Doors open at 6:30 p.m.*

Dive into the vibrant kickoff of The Championships: Illinois: Elite Career Competitions at the Opening General Session. This dynamic experience blends high-energy engagement, active participation, and prestigious recognitions to set the electrifying tone for the conference. From the grand Opening Ceremony and warm State Officer Welcome to the celebration of the Advisor of the Year and exclusive Session Sponsor engagement, each moment is crafted for maximum impact. Gain insights into the association's vision with the State of the Association Address, spotlight the achievements of the Chapter Excellence Program, and celebrate growth with the Membership Growth Awards. This session is the gateway to an exhilarating week of success, innovation, and recognition – secure your spot for an unforgettable journey!

Awards Session

Saturday, April 26: 8:30 a.m. | Peoria Civic Center – Exhibit Halls B + C *Doors open at 8 a.m.*

Capping off the unforgettable journey at The Championships: Illinois: Elite Career Competitions is the Closing Awards Session. This dynamic and energizing session serves as the ultimate recap, celebrating the outstanding achievements of participants who immerse themselves in exhilarating career competitions, the State Officer Election Process, and beyond. Attendees experience a high-energy atmosphere that leaves them inspired to excel in their leadership roles within the organization. As they are welcomed to the session and express gratitude to the invaluable Session Sponsor, they anticipate the thrill of SkillsUSA Championships Medalist Presentations and the excitement of the State Officer Election Announcement. The conference concludes on a high note with a spirited celebration of self and others through an engaging Conference Recap Video. Attendees secure their spots for a finale that echoes with success, recognition, and a shared spirit of accomplishment!

PRIZE POLICY

In an effort to streamline the distribution of prizes for The Championships medalists and ensure a fair and efficient process, the following policy updates will be implemented starting this year:

1. **Prize Claim Deadline:** All prizes for The Championships medalists must be claimed by the end of the Awards Sessions.
2. **Chapter Advisor Responsibility:** If individual medalists are unable to stay for the Awards Session, the chapter advisor is authorized to sign for their prizes on their behalf. The chapter advisor assumes the responsibility of ensuring that the prizes are safely delivered to the respective students.
3. **Notification for Non-Attendance:** If a chapter does not plan to stay for the Awards Session, the chapter advisor must notify SkillsUSA Illinois staff before the Awards Session begins. Upon notification, prizes for their members will be securely set aside for later collection.
4. **Prize Collection Deadline:** Chapters opting not to stay for the Awards Session are responsible for collecting their members' prizes from the state office during a scheduled appointment two to four weeks following the event. Prizes will not be mailed.
5. **Exceptions:** Late claims or failure to adhere to the notification and collection deadlines may result in forfeiture of prizes.

This policy aims to enhance the overall experience for our participants and streamline prize distribution. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work towards creating a more efficient process for recognizing and rewarding the achievements of our talented participants. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy, please feel free to contact the SkillsUSA Illinois staff for clarification. Thank you for your commitment to the success of The Championships!