

## 2017 High School National Officer Candidate Training Program

**Purpose:** To ensure SkillsUSA Ohio has the best representation and quality officers possible to serve as ambassadors for the organization, not only in local communities and schools, but also on a national level. In order for Ohio to have proper representation at the National Level, it is important to ensure that Ohio is able to get two officers elected, and that these officers are of quality caliber and substance. The program will provide a greater understanding of the organization for National Officers in order to expand their opportunities, duties, and responsibilities prior to conferences and provide a greater professional development opportunity.

**Expectations:** National Officer Candidates will be expected to maintain grades greater than a “C” average and abide by the Code of Conduct at all times. Violation of either of these conditions may result in removal from office.

**National Officer Candidates need to complete the first two levels of the PDP Program**, as well as an **application (complete with photograph), essay and enrollment packet by March 24**. Each potential National Officer Candidate will have to complete an interview process with a team selected by the Assistant State Director. The outcome of the interview will determine the candidate’s ability to run for one of the two spots before the State Delegation at the State Conference in April. Once the officer candidates have been selected to go onto Nationals by the State Delegation, they will be expected to attend delegate training which will take place in June. This will provide added training and knowledge the candidates will need prior to their arrival at Nationals, while allowing the delegates to get to know the candidates to the best of their ability in order to better assist our candidates. The officer candidates will be expected to maintain an active role during the year after their election, even if they are not elected Nationally, based on merit and performance at Nationals. Throughout the year, officers will be responsible for serving as ambassadors for their regions and for their school, making public contacts and promoting the organization with the guidance of SkillsUSA Ohio. All officers will be responsible for providing a bi-monthly report to show their growth and outreach efforts.

**\*Getting elected to National Office does not guarantee the National Officer a spot on the State Officer Team; this will be based on merit of the officer.**

**\*Assignments and conferences are determined by SkillsUSA and must be approved by the school and state association.**

**\*Ohio National Prep Conference –June 9, 2017-** Meet National Voting delegates and learn responsibilities of National Conference

**\*National Leverage and Activate Training for Student Leaders and National Engage Training for Advisors- June 17-19, 2017-**This training is mandatory for National Officer Candidates and their Advisors. This expense is to be covered by the candidate and the school running the candidate. This is a crucial training for National Officer Candidates to insure their success.

**\*National Conference (Year 1) June 19-24, 2017** – Running a quality campaign and ensuring the best representation of SkillsUSA Ohio, keeping in mind and abiding by the Code of Conduct at all times. (Year 2) Under the direction of National Staff, represent Ohio to the best of their ability at the National Conference while staying in communication with SkillsUSA Ohio.

**\*Fall Conference** – Assist State Officers and Presenters – Select Officers will be assigned presentations for students and advisors.

**\*Regional Conference** – Work with Regional Advisors assigned to their region to perform Awards Ceremony and assist with making the conference a success.

**\*State Conference-** Assist State Staff/ Advisors and Officers in providing a quality conference to SkillsUSA Ohio's membership.

If officers are evaluated to be of quality substance and merit, they may be asked to be an extension of the SkillsUSA Ohio State Officer Team.

Roles at all conferences and special invitations will be determined based on the assets, skills, and interests of each student; the goal is to ensure that all students get the most out of their officer experience while representing SkillsUSA Ohio to the best of their ability.