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Dear Parent/Person of Parental Relation:

SkillsUSA is a nationally recognized leadership organization for students enrolled in ESBOCES. The mission of SkillsUSA is to empower its members to become world-class workers, leaders, and responsible American citizens. We encourage all of our students to be a part of the organization. As a SkillsUSA member, your child will have the opportunity to learn leadership skills and can possibly compete at the regional, state and national level. Competitions could be in the program your child is enrolled in or could be leadership competitions such as Employment Application Process, Prepared Speech, etc. Scholarship opportunities may be available to competing students awarded first place in their area of competition. Your child should speak to their ESBOCES teacher to see which competitions they may want to prepare for and compete at one of the SkillsUSA conferences. All SkillsUSA members are encouraged to put their experience on resumes and in portfolios. Employers recognize the SkillsUSA member as leaders and as a key to being employable.

Activities are primarily in-school activities which may include:

1. Candidacy for SkillsUSA Officer
2. SkillsUSA Committee member
3. Fundraising and community service projects
4. SkillsUSA regional, state and national conferences
5. Attend building specific SkillsUSA functions

To become a member, students are required to pay annual membership dues. The dues for the 2019-20 school year is \$27.00. Also, members may choose to run for office as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Student Advisor or Parliamentarian. Membership forms will be available at your child's ESBOCES Center.

I encourage your child's participation in SkillsUSA. If you have any questions, please contact your child's ESBOCES Center.

Please log on to www.nysskillsusa.org or www.skillsusa.org if you wish to learn more about SkillsUSA.



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