



NATIONAL LEADERSHIP & SKILLS CONFERENCE

ATLANTA | JUNE 2023



General Sessions

Opening Session | Tuesday, June 20, 7 p.m. (Doors Open at 5:45 p.m.)

SkillsUSA Official attire or career competition attire is recommended. Business professional attire acceptable.

The Opening General Session is the kick-off event of the annual National Leadership & Skills Conference. This experience engages attendees with high-energy, participatory and recognition components that set the tone for the week-long conference.

Closing/Awards Session | Friday, June 23, 5 p.m. (Doors Open at 6 p.m.)

SkillsUSA official attire or career competition attire. Winners not wearing approved attire will not be allowed on stage and will receive their medallion off-stage.

The culminating experience of the National Leadership & Skills Conference is the Awards Session which serves to recap the entire NLSC experience. This high-energy session will recognize the accomplishments of the attendees who participated in NLSC activities including the SkillsUSA Championships, National Officer Election Process and more. Attendees will leave the conference inspired to achieve greatness in their own leadership roles within the organization and with a spirit celebration for self and others.

Know Before You Go

Bag Policy

State Farm Arena prohibits all bags, including briefcases, purses, luggage, and diaper bags, larger than 14" x 14" x 6" from being brought into the arena. Backpacks and hard sided bags of any kind are also prohibited. Single compartment drawstring bags and fashion backpacks or purses that are smaller than 14" x 14" x 6" are permitted but will delay the entry process.

Guests with non-complying bags can check their bag for a cash fee (\$5) by Gate 2, located off of Centennial Olympic Park Dr. Bag check is available 1.5 hours prior to the start of the session through one hour after the conclusion of the event. Items must be retrieved the same day.

Entrances

All entrances, except for Gate 3 will be open; however, **we recommend using Gates 1 and 2** as those gates will have increased capacity, which will result in a shorter wait.

Food and Drinks

State Farm Arena has affordable food and beverage options available for our participants. Here is a sample of the offerings:

- Bottomless Fountain Soda - \$4
- Pretzel - \$2
- French Fries - \$3
- Hot Dog - \$3
- Cheese Pizza Slice - \$4
- Chicken Tenders or Cheeseburger and Fries - \$12

**Availability and pricing subject to change.*

Parade of Champions Changes

Due to safety measures in place at State Farm Arena, our traditional Parade of Champions is no longer possible. Instead, we will provide in-bowl pre-session entertainment.

Trading Pins and Metal Detectors

Metal trading pins should be adhered to a lanyard or other removable items to ensure they can be removed prior to the screening process and viewed by security personnel similar to how cellphones, keys or other metallic items will be screened.

Arena ADA Accommodations

Reserved seating tickets will be provided to those who have requested ADA accommodations as a part of the registration process. There are over 100 ADA seating opportunities within State Farm Arena, as well as companion seating.

- 100-Level
 - 8-10 seats in each of the following sections: 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 118, 119, and 121
- 200-Level
 - 8-10 seats in the following sections: 209, 222 and 223
 - 2-4 seats in the following sections: 214, 215, 216 and 217

Arrive Early and Stay Until the End

Don't miss any of the excitement by arriving to State Farm Arena when doors open. There will be a shorter security wait time plus high-quality pre-show content each evening starting 30-minutes before showtime – trust us, you won't want to miss it! We have surprises around every corner, so stay until the very end, or you'll miss something everyone else will be talking about.

Seating

Seating is assigned by state association for both sessions, with some stakeholder groups having reserved seating outside of the section. Awards Session seating is split based on registration type. Contestants will be assigned to the lower bowl or floor, with tickets being provided to state associations based on 16% of their contestant count for state directors to distribute to advisors/chaperones.

Conference participants who did not register through the state association will not have a seating assignment with your state association. Example: National Education Team members are assigned to a different section.