

SkillsUSA North Carolina

Courtesy Corps – Advisor Overview (2026 Pilot)

State Leadership & Skills Conference

What Is the Courtesy Corps?

The SkillsUSA North Carolina Courtesy Corps is a **select group of student members** who provide behind-the-scenes operational support for the State Leadership & Skills Conference. Courtesy Corps members assist with setup, logistics, registration support, judge and staff support, and conference breakdown.

This is a **service-focused, non-competitor role** designed to support conference operations while giving students meaningful, real-world experience.

Why Courtesy Corps Matters

The state conference has grown significantly in size and complexity. Courtesy Corps helps: - Reduce strain on staff and volunteers during peak conference periods - Improve conference flow and responsiveness - Provide students with applied employability-skill development

Courtesy Corps participation aligns closely with the **SkillsUSA Framework**, especially: - **Adaptability** – responding to changing needs in a fast-paced environment - **Work Ethic** – reliability, responsibility, and follow-through - **Critical Thinking & Problem Solving** – supporting solutions in real time

Student Commitment (High-Level)

Courtesy Corps participation is a **multi-day commitment**, with some flexibility to accommodate school travel schedules:

- **Tuesday (arrival by noon)** – Optional, but strongly encouraged (early setup, higher-impact experience)
- **Wednesday** – Required (two shift options available) 8am-5pm, 12pm-9pm
- **Thursday** – Required (competition-day support and breakdown) 8am-5pm
- **Friday** – Optional (awards ceremony support)

Final schedules and assignments are determined by conference staff.

Courtesy Corps members are not competitors in SkillsUSA contests.

Advisor & School Role

Students must have:

- **Advisor endorsement**, confirming reliability and ability to meet the commitment
- **School administration approval** to participate

Advisors are not expected to serve in Courtesy Corps roles. However, advisors must:

- Be on site during the conference
 - Be reachable if issues arise involving their student(s)
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Selection & Expectations

- Participation is by application only
 - Approximately **8–10 students** will be selected for the pilot
 - Students should be dependable, adaptable, and comfortable working behind the scenes
 - Courtesy Corps work is active and may involve significant walking, standing, and lifting
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What Students Gain

Students selected for Courtesy Corps receive:

- Conference registration at no cost
- Meals provided while working
- Courtesy Corps t-shirts
- State Conference t-shirt
- Verified service hours
- SkillsUSA recognition
- Preferred consideration for National Courtesy Corps (where timelines and eligibility allow)

This experience may be used on resumes, job applications, and as advisor-verified employability skill development.

Application Timeline

- Applications open in early 2026
- Selection decisions made by **early March**

Advisors will be emailed the Advisor form once students apply. You can review it here: <https://forms.gle/6qD28UwgQU68w1X98>

Questions?

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The Courtesy Corps pilot is designed to balance operational support needs with meaningful student development, while remaining realistic about school schedules and responsibilities.