WHICH POSITION SHOULD I RUN FOR? POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

Officer At Large: There will be 5 officers at large elected from the total pool of candidates running for the position. The officers at large will transition into the state executive officers: State President, State Vice President, State Secretary, State Treasurer, and State Parliamentarian.

Regional Presidents: There will be one regional president elected per region. Regional Presidents serve on the state officer team, but also work with Regional Coordinators specifically on Regional Conferences. Regional Presidents must attend school in the region they represent.

College/Post-Secondary: There will be one C/PS president elected College/Post-Secondary Presidents serve on the state officer team, but also focus specifically to work with college/post-secondary initiatives. College/Post-Secondary presidents must be enrolled in a CTE program at an institution of higher learning and have already graduated from high school.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Does it Cost Money to Run for State Office? In 2021, there is no cost to be a candidate.

How much Time Does Being a State Officer Take? You are expected to attend all events, including weekly zoom meetings. There are tasks assigned and due dates given. A student leader who uses good time management skills will be fine.

What if I am involved in other activities or work? You are encouraged to stay involved with all of the activities that you love; however, being elected to a state officer position means that you are representing the 14,000+ members of AZSkillsUSA. A good balance is expected; however, your state officer position should be a priority for you. Tip: Talk to your parents, teachers, employers, and other club advisors about running for state office; typically, they are very supportive if you have good communication with them.
What if I don’t get good grades? The first screening will involve looking at your GPA and attendance record. Clearly, your high school and/or college classes are first and foremost; if you can’t be successful at school, you will struggle being a state officer. If you are elected and have problems with class work, you are expected to work with the state director on a successful plan to resolve that.

What if I can’t attend a mandatory meeting? Mandatory meetings are just that...mandatory. The dates are given well in advance for a reason. You should put all dates on your calendar now, in expectation you will be elected.

If I’m a state officer, what do I have to pay for? The Arizona Board of Directors budget money to be spent on the state officer team for travel, supplies, conferences, food, and more. You may be asked to purchase shoes or some clothing. It is very rare that you will be expected to spend your own money on anything; however, if we travel, you will buy your own souvenirs. Official dress is also an expectation, but typically the state office works with your chapter advisor to ensure uniform requirements are met.

Will the state officer team travel in 2021-2022? As of 1/6/2021, Arizona is still under strict COVID guidelines and no school is allowing travel of any kind. The SkillsUSA national conference will be held virtually in June. Typically, there is travel throughout the year, and that will be addressed as our country and state move into safer territory.
TIMELINE OF CANDIDACY

January 7, 2021-February 4, 2021: Applications accepted
February 5-18, 2021: Applications screened by Committee (all items included, resume, essay, GPA and on track to graduate)
February 19, 2021: Candidates notified of screening results (not all candidates will automatically move on to Interview Day).
February 23, 2021: 4:00-6:00pm: Mandatory Meeting with Candidates...information about March 13 meeting will be given. Advisors should attend.
March 13, 2021: 10:00am-3:00pm at the Arizona Department of Education (or virtual) More information will be given about Interview Day at the mandatory meeting on February 23, 2021.
March 15, 2021: Candidates notified of interview results. (not all candidates will automatically move on to Elections)
March 16, 2021: Mandatory Candidate meeting with instructions for elections. Advisors should attend. Official announcements of candidates and campaigning begin after this meeting.
March 17-30, 2021: Phone call with a State Officer (this will allow candidates to ask questions regarding their campaign plans)
March 22, 2021: Elections Open
April 3: Elections Conclude
April 7, 2021: New Officers Announced during Recognition Ceremony