



Greetings,

Well...this has been an interesting year. The SkillsUSA Cabinetmaking competition was not held last year due to the pandemic and the competition this year will be significantly different than any other year.

The competition this year will be taking place virtually. This will entail each contestant arranging for video streaming as well as obtaining a proctor. The proctor cannot be the contestant's instructor to eliminate the opportunity for coaching and suggestions.

We want all of the contestants to have a level playing field. To that end, we will be shipping material and instructions to as many as 35 contestants. These contestants will complete a series of exercises to demonstrate their level of mastery using a table saw, miter saw, and other common woodworking machinery and tools. The contestants will have a limited time-frame to complete the exercises and then they will ship the completed exercises back to us for judging. It was determined that shipping all the material for a cabinet or other sizable project both ways would be prohibitively expensive.

The competition will include a written portion that will require the contestant to develop a Bill of Materials from a drawing, answer a series of wood working related questions that encompass materials, quantities, costing, as well as identifying materials and woodworking joints.

Many of us have had the good fortune to be able to participate in this competition by developing projects, proctoring machining activities, and judging outcomes. The talented young people our state has to offer the secondary wood processing industry is truly inspiring. It bodes well for the continued success of this industry within Wisconsin when we encourage and support activities like SkillsUSA and its participants.

Your continued financial support of this competition is necessary to allow the ongoing process of upgrading equipment, supplying materials, and this year...postage! We have three recognized sponsorship levels: Platinum - \$1000, Gold - \$500, and Silver - \$250. Please consider a tax-deductible donation to SkillsUSA through the Wisconsin chapter of the AWI. Any amount of participation is greatly appreciated. Tax deductible donations of any size can be made online through the AWI-WI website or by check payable to: AWI-WI/SkillsUSA. As a small token of appreciation for your support, SkillsUSA will display your company information in this year's advertising and in the Wisconsin Conference Book. Any donation at the levels above will find your company/name on the contestant's t-shirts.

As all of you know, finding interested/qualified labor is becoming more and more difficult. This is an opportunity to help people that have expressed interest in our industry, let's support them as much as possible.

All the best,

Robin Carley, Glenn Koerner, Mark Lorge

SkillsUSA Cabinetmaking co-chairs



## STATE COMPETITION



## JOIN AWI WI FOR THIS YEAR'S SKILLS USA VIRTUAL COMPETITION!

SKILLS USA is a national organization that brings students, teachers, and industry working professionals together to ensure that America has a skilled workforce in many different fields. **AWI WI has a long history with this event and is proud to continue to support the young woodworkers competing in the Cabinetmaking Competition.**

Seeing the talent that Wisconsin has to offer is truly rewarding and we encourage those that can to support this event for High School & Post-Secondary Instructors, and contestants.

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**PLATINUM**  
**\$1000**

**GOLD**  
**\$500**

**SILVER**  
**\$250**

*If you are not able to participate at any one of these levels, we appreciate any donation that makes sense for you or your organization. As a token of appreciation for your support, SKILLS USA will display your company information on this year's advertising and in the Wisconsin Conference Book for contributions received by April 16th.*

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