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It is known that a skilled workforce shortage is imminent in many of the Trade, Industry and Health areas throughout the nation including North Dakota. Hard work and effort continues to prepare America's skilled workforce. There are great examples of these efforts in the Trade, Industry and Health programs in High Schools and Postsecondary Colleges throughout the state.

SkillsUSA is the premier organization that showcases the education & training that our young people gain in these educational programs. Ranging from Architectural Design to Welding, students are gaining leadership and technical skills to help fill workforce needs.

SkillsUSA and our state chapter - SkillsUSA North Dakota - provide a "platform" where students apply and prove these leadership and technical skills by competing against other across the state and move on to compete against the best in the nation in their chosen profession. This competition not only validates the student's ability, but also provides for networking opportunities between future employees and industry employers, industry and education. SkillsUSA ND is a Non-Profit Organization that lifts up students to excel in their profession. In order to provide this "platform" there is a need for a tremendous amount of coordinated efforts from advisors, parents, volunteers, educational institutions and communities.

Your help is needed!

SkillsUSA would not be successful if it weren't for the generosity of the many Friends, Volunteers and Donations from Business and Industry. If your organization can see these future workforce needs, we are asking for your support to help develop a continued working relationship with SkillsUSA North Dakota.

How you can help:

- Serving on local advisory board committees.
- Scholarships for training certificates and/or postsecondary programs.
- Volunteers are always welcome to judge or support our State Competitive and Leadership events.
 - April 9, 2018 – State Conference
 - Fall 2018 Fall Leadership Conference
- Prizes for student champions in over 30 different industry sponsored events.
- Monetary Donations to help offset the expenses that are incurred to put on this event that impacts over 500 North Dakota students.

The students of SkillsUSA ND continue to strive to do their best to prove they have the leadership ability & technical skill that is needed to fill the needs of your industry.

To find more information of how your Organization may be able to help, check out our website at: <http://www2.edutech.nodak.edu/ndskillsusa/> or contact us directly.

We look forward to working with you in the Future!

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