

## **Students to showcase technical, job skills**

In the SkillsUSA Regional Competition, about 300 students will showcase their talents and the workforce skills they have honed during the past school year. The contests will include prepared speech, extemporaneous writing and job-skill demonstration such as welding and carpentry.

The competition will run 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday March 7 at Eastside Technical Center, Southside Technical Center and Bluegrass Community Technical Center.

First- and second-place winners will advance to the state competition April 1-4 in Louisville, where more than \$1 million in scholarship money is available. This also is a good opportunity for students to make contacts with employers and post-secondary institutions.

Schools competing on March 7 will include Eastside Technical Center, Southside Technical Center, Lincoln County Area Technical Center, Garrard County Area Technical Center, Madison County Area Technical Center, Clark County Area Technical Center, Hughes Jones-Harrodsburg Area Technical Center, Harrison County Area Technical Center and Franklin County Area Technical Center.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry representatives working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. The national organization serves teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service arenas, including health occupations. SkillsUSA formerly was known as VICA (the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America).