



2026

Lauren's Legacy Leadership Award

(Honoring students who demonstrate exceptional service to others and their community.)

About the Award

On December 11, 2018, SkillsUSA Oklahoma's State President, Lauren DeLaRosa-Hull, tragically lost her life in an automobile accident. At just 17 years old, Lauren had already made a profound and lasting impact through her dedication to serving others—both in her community and within SkillsUSA. Her genuine care for those around her touched thousands across the nation and continues to inspire all who knew her story.

Lauren was recognized as a true servant leader. She led not for recognition, but to lift others up. Her unwavering kindness, compassion, and commitment to service created a legacy that challenges each of us to lead with greater purpose, to care more deeply, and to put the needs of others before our own.

Her campaign slogan as a state officer candidate was "HEART – STYLE – SMILE." Lauren lived those words every day, serving with heart, demonstrating leadership with confidence and style, and always wearing a smile that could light up any room.

To honor her remarkable legacy, her 2018–2019 SkillsUSA Oklahoma State Officer Team established this award. It recognizes outstanding SkillsUSA student members who exemplify Lauren's spirit of service, leadership, compassion, and genuine love for others. Through this award, her legacy continues to live on in the lives of student leaders who choose to lead with heart.

What is the Lauren’s Legacy Leadership Award?

This award celebrates a SkillsUSA student who consistently demonstrates a heart for service, a commitment to their community and fellow members, and the ability to lead by example with kindness and dedication.

Award Recognition

- The recipients and advisor will be notified via email.
 - The awardee will be honored on stage during the General Session at the State Leadership and Skills Conference at the Cox Business Convention Center in Tulsa, OK.
 - The recipient’s State Registration Fees will be waived.
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Who Can Nominate?

- Students, staff, instructors, and organizational members are all encouraged to submit nominations.
 - The nominee must be a SkillsUSA member who exemplifies outstanding leadership and a true “Servant Leader.”
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How to Submit a Nomination

1. Read the application carefully.
2. Complete all four sections of the form.
3. Submit the completed nomination by Friday, March 13, 2026, to:

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SkillsUSA Oklahoma State Advisor 1500
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Stillwater, OK 74074
Email: lauren.holmes@careertech.ok.gov

Lauren’s Legacy Leadership Award Student Nomination Form

Section 1 – Nominee Information

- Full Name of Nominee: _____
- School Name: _____
- School Address: _____
- Nominee Email Address: _____
- CTE Training Program Name: _____
- Expected Completion Date (Month & Year): _____

Section 2 – Nominator Information

- Full Name of Nominator: _____
- Nominator Telephone Number: _____
- Nominator Email Address: _____

Section 3 – SkillsUSA Involvement

- Membership Division
 - Middle School _____
 - High School _____
 - Postsecondary – Adult _____
- SkillsUSA Member ID# (Membership Required) _____
- SkillsUSA Student Officer Position(s) Held (Complete all that apply)
 - Local Chapter Officer Position(s) Held _____
 - District Officer Position(s) Held _____
 - State Officer Position(s) Held _____
 - National Officers Position Held _____

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Section 4 – Nomination Narrative

In 500 words or less, explain why you are nominating this student, including examples of their service, leadership, and dedication to their community and SkillsUSA.

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In 500 words or less, describe specific activities or projects where the nominee has made a significant impact.

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Thank you for your nomination and for helping us honor Lauren’s legacy by recognizing exceptional student leaders!