To be eligible to compete in the SkillsUSA Championships, all students must be official members of SkillsUSA by the national membership deadline or an earlier published state membership deadline imposed by SkillsUSA Nevada for that program year. In addition, all student competitors from Nevada must first qualify by competing in an approved state-level competition.

Those students who earn a gold medal (first place) in an approved state-level contest and are in good standing with the State Association and local SkillsUSA chapter, are eligible to represent Nevada at the NLSC as a competitor.

In the case where the gold medalist for a particular contest chooses not to compete at the NLSC, or where such student(s) is determined ineligible to compete by the local chapter, the student/team which placed second in the state contest may be determined eligible. This determination will be made jointly by the state director and contest committee chair. The eligibility to compete at the NLSC may be offered to the contestant/team finishing third (bronze medalists) only in those cases where the contestant/team performed at a level similar to that of the second place contestant/team. This determination will be made jointly by the state director and contest committee chair.