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WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP
TRAINING INSTITUTE



As a pre-work for students attending the Washington Leadership Training Institute, please complete the following assignments and submit using the link below by Monday, Sept. 18, 2017.

Assignment 1: Carl D. Perkins Paper

Research the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 2006. Write a two page paper (double-spaced in 12 pt. type) covering the following points:

- Summarize the importance of Perkins funding to career and technical education and to your local school and/or training program.
- Provide very specific examples of how Perkins funds are used in your school. (You may need to meet with an administrator at your school who works with Perkins funds, to retrieve this information.)

Assignment 2: Skills Gap Paper

Research the current Skills Gap that our country is facing. Write a one page paper (double-spaced in 12 pt. type) covering the following points:

- Define and provide statistics about the Skills Gap (Be sure to site your resources.)
- Identify ways that SkillsUSA is a vital solution to the Skills Gap

Assignment 3: Promotion

Create a brochure or flier about career and technical education in your school. Include information about your school's career and technical education programs, SkillsUSA and STEM. This brochure or flier should be designed for use during WLTi congressional visits, in your local community and in your home state.

**Note, this assignment is a conference contest. A committee will select the top assignments submitted. Entries will be judged on evidence of personal insight, creativity, correct use of the SkillsUSA logo and name, thoroughly covering the topic, spelling, readability and professionalism.*

Visit the following websites to jumpstart your research.

- [National Association of State Directors of Career and Technical Education Consortium](#)
- [The Association for Career and Technical Education](#)
- [U.S. Department of Education](#)
- [The Hidden STEM Economy \(The Brookings Institute\)](#)
- [STEM Connector](#)

Additional Information:

Congressional Visits: A highlight of WLTi is when students get the opportunity to visit with elected officials. It is the responsibility of each state association to make or coordinate visits and appointments for their delegation. You can download a sample appointment request letter on the SkillsUSA website. When arranging for congressional visits email your letter of request directly to your official's office or fax then follow up with a request by phone.

WLTi Statesman Award: The coveted WLTi Statesman Award is presented each year to participants during WLTi who have demonstrated their leadership skills and have mastered all requirements. You can download the requirements for the WLTi Statesman Award on the website and can begin preparing now.

Submit Pre-work at: <http://www.skillsusa.org/events-training/washington-leadership-training-institute/assignments/>