

Level 5 The American Degree

This is a great opportunity to better yourself for the transitions you will make – whether from school to work or to advanced education. These activities are designed to strengthen your abilities as an individual team player, leader and professional in the workplace.

You will have opportunity to interact with employers, promote your career choice and teach others, analyze entry-level job skills and refine your employment portfolio for your transition to the workplace.

The American Degree

(Go to State Awards for the information for this Degree)

The American degree is the fifth level of achievement in the Professional Development Program and the highest honor that can be bestowed on members of SkillsUSA while they are still students. This Award recognizes outstanding achievement by an individual in occupational and professional skill development. The award will be awarded at the State Championships awards ceremony by the state SkillsUSA director to students who score 80% of the total points from the American Degree Rating Sheet.

To earn the American Degree the following information must be in a 1 or 1 1/2 inch notebook in the following order postmarked March 1st and pass a written test covering both SkillsUSA knowledge and occupational theory at the State Championships.

1. Application for the American Degree
2. Develop a presentation promoting your career choice
3. Assess and analyze your entry-level job skills using Total Quality Management tools
4. Maximize customer service opportunities
5. Design a lesson plan on an aspect of your career choice
6. Write a professional paper on one aspect of your career area
7. Show demonstration of proficiency in entry-level skills
8. A professional portfolio
9. Copies or certificates for the Trainee Degree, Leader Degree, Professional Degree and Master Degree