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Dear \_\_\_\_\_ (Donor):

We would like to introduce you to SkillsUSA (formerly known as VICA), a student organization with over 400,000 members organized in 54 states and territorial associations. We are one of three 100% chapters in the State of Idaho – meaning every student in our school is a SkillsUSA member. Meridian Technical Charter High School (MTCHS) has a very active chapter and would like the opportunity to meet with you to explore the possibility of partnering together for the benefit of both our organizations. "SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers, high school, and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and information technology occupations."

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. This organization allows students to work toward future career goals in an environment that blends academic and "real world" experiences. SkillsUSA programs also help to establish industry standards for job skill training in the lab and classroom, as well as promote community service. SkillsUSA is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and is cited as a "successful model of employer-driven youth development training program" by the U.S. Department of Labor.

SkillsUSA members from Meridian Technical Charter High School (MTCHS) are heading to the National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) in Atlanta, Georgia, from June 23-27, 2025, to compete in leadership, career, and technical education events. Following their success at the Idaho SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference, where they won gold or silver, these students are now seeking support for their national competition. With an approximate cost of \$1,500 per student, each member and our chapter are responsible for NLSC expenses. We are seeking sponsorship from your business to help us provide this valuable opportunity to our students and further develop their technical and employability skills. Your donation is a tax-deductible scholarship. MTCHS may have up to 14 students competing at NLSC this year in events such as Community Service, Computer Programming, Electronics, Extemporaneous and Prepared Speech, Technical Computer Applications, Interactive Application and Video Game Design, Television & Video Production, and Web Design & Development. The total estimated cost for our delegation to attend the National Leadership and Skills Conference is around \$25,000.

Please make checks payable to MTCHS SkillsUSA or go to **https://meridiantechnicalcharter.revtrak.net/lo/**. In addition to your tax deductible donation, we would be glad to advertise and give recognition to your business on our website and sponsorship poster. Please email <u>technology@mtchs.org</u> with your logo or name for use in the advertisement.

Thank you in advance for your time, consideration, and much appreciated donation.

Sincerely,



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