

SkillsUSA South Carolina Fall Leadership Conference Framework Story

All attendees wishing to earn the State Statesman Pin must be able to tell their Framework Story without using any written material while giving their story.

What is a Framework Story?

A Framework Story can look different depending on the person. For some, it is their SkillsUSA origin story where they first saw the positive change that SkillsUSA was having on them or perhaps the point at which they dedicated themselves to becoming better. It could also be a key moment of personal growth and that person could have multiple Framework Stories. In either case, the story should have happened to that specific individual, should involve details that allow the listener to visualize the story being told, it should involve a very specific Essential Element and that element should be mentioned in the story, and the story should be a few minutes in length.

Why is a Framework Story important?

Personal growth and self-reflection are important to any future leader or professional and to any current leader or professional. It fosters continued success and provides proof that their experiences are making a difference. By targeting a specific Essential Element in their story, the person can articulate to themselves and others how the integration of the SkillsUSA Framework is changing the lives of our current and future workforce.

When would I tell my Framework Story?

Besides as a part of your State Statesman Pin process, the Framework Story is a great introduction piece when talking about the benefits of SkillsUSA and the SkillsUSA Framework. It is also a great story to tell advisors, administrators, parents, community members, and business/industry partners to gain support or thank them for their support.

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How do I create a Framework Story?

This can be done in two ways. The person can either decide on an Essential Element and then think of a time when they had to use that element and how it helped them grow as a personal or professional. The second is to think of a story of personal or professional growth and then associate an Essential Element to that story. This story should have had a major impact on the person telling it. Many will think of it as an origin story, kind of like a superhero. Some will have only one major experience that has affected them and others may have many experiences. In either case, they should pick an experience that is appropriate, fits an Essential Element, and the story should showcase their growth.

What do I need to do with my story at the Fall Leadership Conference?

You should create and bring a typed copy of your Framework Story to the conference. Do not memorize the story, as it should be something you just know, not a prepared speech. The hard copy may be written in order to tweak the story and make it more impactful to the listener. If you forget your hard copy, you will have the ability to handwrite it on-site. The story will be told by the person to others during the trip, including a more formal experience in front of multiple advisors, students, or state staff.