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### State Associations Recognized for Standards of Excellence

SkillsUSA's State Standards of Excellence Program was successful in its first year, recognizing 19 states that have completed the standards evaluation process and received recognition.

The purpose of the program is to ensure state associations have in place policies, procedures and structures that, on an annual basis, deliver a high level of service to members. This program allows states to benchmark their current performance and determine improvements to become the very best organization for their members. The program is not intended to be competitive between states. Rather, state associations are recognized for achieving State Standards of Excellence.

The standards include: Organizational (operations and management), Governance and Fiscal Responsibility and standards must be met, at each level, with a minimum of 80% proficiency.

Eight states were recognized for achieving the standards of Level 1, establishing a baseline for a healthy association: **Alabama, California, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Virginia.**

Seven states moved to the next level, being recognized for achieving the standards of Level 2, ensuring sustainability of healthy association: **Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Oregon, Rhode Island and Washington High School.**

Four states reached Level 3, the pinnacle of achievement, by achieving the highest level standards, ensuring continual growth of the association: **Georgia, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Wisconsin High School.**

