



Firefighting

Purpose: To evaluate each competitor's preparation for employment and to recognize outstanding students for excellence and professionalism in the field of firefighting.

On-Site/Off-Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ On-Site
Contest Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 4/9/2024
Contest Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Convention Center▪ A-Hall
Early/Normal Start Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Normal Start Time▪ Registration will open at 9:00am. Please report to B-Hall Show Office for Registration. Competition will begin at 10:00am.
Contest Open/Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Open▪ Exhibit Halls do not open to observers until 12:00pm.
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Schools may send two (2) competitor(s) per school (Building IRN) based on local competition enrolled in a program where the scope of the contest described in the SkillsUSA Technical Content Standards reflects a major component of the program. Please refer to the National Technical Standards for more eligibility details on this contest.
Competition Clothing (To be worn on Day 1)	<p>Work/School Attire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Field specific work clothing required for the work environment or that matches the service conditions for the contest.▪ This may include jeans if they are clean and professional looking and are accepted in the respective field (no holes or overly soiled pants).▪ Shoes or work boots with a hard sole and anti-slip properties.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clothing should be as such that it will not get caught in moving equipment or power tools. ▪ Professional attire worn in the classroom (school uniforms) such as a criminal justice uniform, chef attire, health scrubs, or cosmetology scrubs etc. may be worn if they meet the above requirements. ▪ Note: School identifiers and contestant names must be covered.
Safety Equipment Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ N/A
Awards Ceremony Attire (To be worn on Day 2)	<p>SkillsUSA Official Attire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Official SkillsUSA red blazer ▪ Button-up, collared, white dress shirt (accompanied by a plain, solid black tie or SkillsUSA black tie), or white shirt (collarless or small-collared), with any collar not to extend into the lapel area of the blazer ▪ Black dress slacks or black dress skirt (knee-length at minimum) ▪ Black closed-toe dress shoes ▪ Note: Wearing socks or hose is no longer required. If worn, socks must be black dress socks, and hose must be either black or skin-tone and seamless/nonpattern <p>Or,</p> <p>Business Dress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Blazer, sports coat, or dress ▪ Button-up, collared, white dress shirt (accompanied by a plain, solid black tie or SkillsUSA black tie), or white shirt (collarless or small-collared), with any collar not to extend into the lapel area of the blazer ▪ Dress slacks or dress skirt (knee-length at minimum) ▪ Closed-toe dress shoes ▪ Note: Wearing socks or hose is no longer required. If worn, socks must be black dress socks, and hose must be either black or skin-tone and seamless/nonpattern
Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students should be prepared to take a written knowledge test.

<p style="text-align: center;">Provided by Contestant (Tool List)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Complete set of firefighter’s personal protective equipment, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Helmet with face shield and chin strap. ▪ Bunker coat and pant with liners. ▪ Standard fire boots. (With steel toe/shank/shin guard.) ▪ Nomex hood and fire gloves. (No extrication Gloves) ▪ Full SCBA and face piece, ▪ Pen and/or pencil for written test. (Included in orientation.) ▪ All competitors must create a one-page resume and submit a hard copy to the technical committee chair at orientation. Failure to do so will result in a 10-point penalty.
<p style="text-align: center;">Contest Notes, Themes, & Deadlines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contest Guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Knowledge Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The contest will include a written knowledge exam assessing general knowledge of firefighting. The following is a list of materials used in the formation of the competition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills 4th edition ▪ SkillsUSA Leadership Handbook ▪ NFPA Standards ▪ ** The following stations may not be an all-inclusive list and competitors should be prepared to perform any skills from the National Technical Standards or the NFPA Standards. ▪ Industry Question <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students will be asked, as they proceed to the physical testing area, an industry question. They will be given five minutes to describe and talk about the question. An example could be “tell me about back draft and flashover in modern day construction”. There will be a rubric that the judge will follow in order to look for points to be made. ▪ Skill Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The contest will include 6 stations assessing skills needed for firefighting. ▪ Note at any time during the course the evaluator may stop the course due to unsafe acts. IF there is an unsafe act the evaluator will notify the contest coordinator to determine if the contestant can continue the course or be disqualified. ▪ There is no running at any time during this course. If the contestant is running, they will be given a warning. After the first warning they will then be assessed a 10 second penalty for

	<p>each time they are running. They may walk fast but shall not run.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Station 1- Gear Donning - PPE ▪ Station 2- Hose Work/Engine Station ▪ Station 3- Ladder Station ▪ Station 4- Sledge Station ▪ Station 5- Ropes and Knots. Contestants must know how to tie the following knots: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Safety Knot ○ Half Hitch ○ Clove Hitch ○ Figure Eight ○ Figure Eight on a Bight ○ Figure Eight Follow-Through ○ Figure Eight Bend ○ Bowline ○ Sheet Bend ▪ Contestants must prepare a tool for hoisting using ropes and knots. This will be done in accordance with the NFPA standard. It will be one of the following tools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Axe ○ Pike Pole ○ Ladder
<p style="text-align: center;">Special Notes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Starting in 2024, all State Contests will begin to add a scenario-based component. ▪ Contact with Contest Coordinators is prohibited. Contact with Contest Coordinators outside of the SkillsUSA Ohio office may result in contestant disqualification. ▪ All safety requirements will be heavily enforced. Violation may result in contestant disqualification. ▪ No smart watches and/or phones are permitted during the contest and/or in contest. ▪ No contact with anyone outside of the contest area once the contest begins. ▪ No inappropriate communication between contestants such as verbally degrading another contest. ▪ No cheating on any portion of the contest such as informing another contestant of the skills/test prior to competing.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Starting in 2024, Wi-Fi is provided for contests where it is required for contest success.
National Technical Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Please refer to the 2023-2024 National Technical Standards for all contests. Any and all standards included may be tested in any competition. ▪ In conjunction with National Standards, violations may result in student loss of contest.
Resume/Interview Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All SkillsUSA Ohio State Championship Contests will require a short interview component. Students should be prepared with basic job interview skills. ▪ All contestants must have a hard copy of a one (1) page personal resume.