



SkillsUSA Ohio State Championships
Brief, FAQ, and Important Information
March 18-19, 2025

The SkillsUSA Ohio State Championships brings over 3,000 competitors, business and industry partners, instructors, and vendors together in over 100 contests in all 16 Career Pathways to showcase Career and Technical Education in Ohio. Students compete for the title of best in Ohio in their respective career fields. This prestigious event has something for everyone.

Learn more at <https://www.ohioskillsusa.org/state-championships>.

Professional Conduct is always expected by all attendees.
Unprofessional behavior will not be tolerated.

CONTEST SPECIFIC INFORMATION

- You should have already downloaded and shared both the Ohio Competition Standards and the National Technical Standards with your competitors. If you have not done this, please do so now, these will answer all your questions about competitions. Please DO NOT email the contest coordinators directly, violation of this may result in the disqualification of competitor(s). This is to ensure all contestants receive the same information. The Ohio Competition Standards are located at <https://www.ohioskillsusa.org/state-championships> and the National Technical Standards are available with your Professional Membership through www.skillsusa-register.org

CLOTHING

- Refer to the Ohio Competition Standards/[Dress Code Guide](#)
- Special Note: White Polo Shirts are white polo shirts- they do not need to have the official SkillsUSA polo shirt.
- **FOR AWARDS CEREMONY: COMPETITORS SHOULD BE IN OFFICIAL DRESS, BUSINESS DRESS ATTIRE NO JEANS. COMPETITORS NOT IN THIS DRESS WILL BE AWARDED THEIR MEDAL FROM THE FLOOR- NOT ON STAGE**

QUESTIONS ABOUT CONTESTS

- Refer to the Ohio Competition Standards (on SkillsUSA Ohio website) and National Technical Standards (on national Absorb website).

OFF-SITE CONTEST INFORMATION

- Off-site schedules are posted in Ohio Competition Standards ([on SkillsUSA Ohio website](#)).
- Lunches will be provided at the off-site locations.

CONTEST SUBSTITUTIONS

- Substitutions can be made without penalty until end of business day, March 10, 2025. **After this date, there will be \$25.00 fee.**
- ALL substitutions must be sent directly to- admin@ohioskillsusa.org
- No contest substitutions will be accepted after Monday March 17, 2025, at 8PM

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEST

1. **It is only given to the winners of State Championships.**
2. This test MUST be proctored at the school. This is a scored component to go to NLSC
3. Please refer to the [Testing Guide](#) for all information regarding the test registration process.
4. The study guide is posted on the website at www.ohioskillsusa.org, under the Events-State Championships page. It is posted with the Ohio Competition Standards.

AGENDA FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (POSTED ON THE SKILLSUSA OHIO WEBSITE)

1. **ALL contests begin orientation at 10:00 a.m., unless noted on the website or Competition Standards www.ohioskillsusa.org. Students MUST be at their contest site by 10:00 A.M. or by noted start of contest time. (refer to competition standards)**
2. **Registration is from 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. or you may pick up your packet on Monday when you drop off tools.**
3. **We will be doing a pre check in process, the link is provided [here](#) or on our State Championships website. You can save time at registration by doing the pre check process.**
4. If you're at an offsite contest, you do not need go to the convention center to register. All Registration materials will be at the contest site. However, no results only top 3 in no order will be announced at the off-site contests, competitors will need to come to the Convention Center on March 19, 2025, to receive prizes, awards, and medals. **They must have their name badge for admission.**

EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORMS

1. **All Registrants MUST always have an NLSC1 on their person.** Please have this printed out **BEFORE** you get to registration. Forms **MUST** always be behind registrant's name badges!
2. In case of emergency at the Convention Center please dial 2547 on the nearest wall phone - **DO NOT Dial 911** as Columbus Emergency Services will not know how to find you in the building.

SAFETY INFORMATION

- Students must follow OSHA practices and wear all PPE specified for the contest that is listed in the contest standard.

TOOL DROP OFF INFORMATION

1. Please go to our website or click [here](#) for the Tool Drop Off/ Liability form. Space assignments and location tickets will be delegated on the day of drop-off.
2. As a reminder you **WILL NOT** be able to enter the Convention Center to get your registration packets through the docks. You **MUST** leave the dock area, park, and enter through the Hyatt (East Connector/backside not High St. side) or from Goodale St. entrance. **NO EXCEPTIONS. VIOLATORS FACE DISQUALIFICATION OF STUDENTS.**

STUDENT DROP OFF LOCATIONS, DIRECTIONS, AND PARKING

- **Please note**, Buses will need to drop off quickly at the East Connector or at Goodale St. **YOU CANNOT PARK AND UNLOAD FROM EITHER OF THESE LOCATIONS.** The address to access the East Connector is listed below.
 - **The “official” address for the loading dock electronic navigation is: 500 N. 3rd St., Columbus, Ohio 43215**
- **Buses ONLY** - are to park in the EAST LOT
- **School Vans** - can Park in Goodale Garage or in Ohio Center Garage both have 8’2” clearance. The other parking garages only have a 6’ clearance.
- **If you have not purchased a parking pass, go to our website, go to events-state championships and find [general parking](#) and [bus parking](#).**

REGISTRATION BADGE RIBBONS

- We wanted to elevate the student experience again this year and recognize students for their accomplishments. We have purchased the following registration badge ribbons for students to attach to their name badges.

These will also serve as access passes to the Exhibit Halls during the appropriate times, PLEASE ENSURE ALL REGISTRANTS HAVE ATTACHED THE APPROPRIATE RIBBON TO THEIR NAME BADGE UPON ARRIVAL

The ribbons are as follows:

Black – Advisors
Yellow- Voting Delegate
Green-Officer Candidate
Gold – CEP Gold Chapter
Gold White Trim – CEP Quality Chapter
Ocean – CEP Silver Chapter
Bronze – CEP Bronze Chapter
Purple Ribbon – Judges/Coordinators
Royal Blue Ribbon – Contestants
Red Ribbon – VIP
Pink Ribbon- SkillsUSA Ohio Staff
Lavender- Leadership Exploration Experience
Orange- Observer

PARENTS AND OBSERVERS AT THE EVENT

- **Parents and observers** can buy a wristband at the door but **CANNOT get in until noon**. Please make sure to relay this to parents to avoid frustration when they arrive.
 - Please refer to the website at www.ohioskillsusa.org as some contests are closed to parents and observers. This is in the competition standards and in the official program of whether a contest is open or closed to observers.
- The cost for admission is \$10 a day or \$15 for both days.
- Limited parents will be permitted at offsite competitions due to occupancy restrictions (noted in competition standards).
- **Observers are anyone not affiliated/or have school duties while at State Championships.**

FOOD

- No outside food or drinks can be brought into the Convention Center. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Concessions will be available in the exhibit halls **WITH A CREDIT CARD ONLY**
 - Please note that the Convention Center is **CASHLESS.**
- **LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL CONTESTANTS**
- Students competing in the Exhibit Halls will not be able to leave the Exhibit Halls.

SKILLSUSA STORE

Please have your students bring a payment method if they are interested in purchasing items from the store.

- SkillsUSA Ohio store will accept cash and credit cards, and electronic tap to pay.
- Just a few items that will be available that day will include phone chargers, custom Air Buds, custom socks, leather padfolios, and much more! Prices range from \$1-\$25 per item.
- We will also have emergency contest supplies such as safety glasses, power strips, and extension cords.
- Fine Design, an on-site printing company, will be on-site for students and attendees to purchase apparel items with custom logos. They will have sweatshirts, t-shirts, button-downs, ¾ zip sweaters and jackets and much more! Please note: Prices range from \$25-\$100.

THANK YOU NOTES

- All contestants are expected to write a thank you notes to their contest coordinators to thank them for their time, effort, and for any prizes or donations. Thank you note stations will be available all day on Tuesday and during the Awards Ceremony on Wednesday.
- Thank you notes and postage will be provided by SkillsUSA Ohio.

PRIZES/PHOTOS:

- Not all contests receive prizes, this is at the discretion of the contest technical committees
- All student winners will enter the prize area through the Professional Photographer (these photos will be available for purchase 1-2 weeks after Championships)
- Please ensure competitors know the name of their contest prior to entering this are to ensure quick photos and prize recovery.

AWARDS CEREMONY

- Doors open at 830AM on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.
- This year the Awards Ceremony is in Battelle Grand Ballroom and **MUST HAVE BADGE/WRISTBAND TO ENTER**