



## Braiding and Hair Design

*The purpose of the high school braiding and hair design contest is to showcase creativity, skill, and individuality in the art of hairstyling, while promoting self-expression and craftsmanship among students.*

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| <b>On-Site/Off-Site</b>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● On-Site</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Contest Date</b>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 5/5/2026</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Contest Location</b>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Convention Center</li> <li>● B-Hall</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Early/Normal Start Time</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Early Start Time</li> <li>● Registration will open at 8:00am. Please report to B-Hall Show Office for Registration. Report to contest at 8:30am.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Contest Open/Closed</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Open</li> <li>● Exhibit Halls do not open to observers until 12:00pm.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Eligibility &amp; Contest Type</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Please refer to the Program Guidelines for eligibility- <a href="https://www.ohioskillsusa.org/resources/">https://www.ohioskillsusa.org/resources/</a></li> <li>● State Only Contest (Only runs in Ohio- winner does not proceed to Nationals)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Clothing</b>                           | <p><b><u>For Competition Day the Dress Code is:</u></b><br/>Class G</p> <p><b><u>For the Awards Ceremony the Dress Code is</u></b> Class A or Class J</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">SkillsUSA Ohio Clothing Guide</a></li> </ul>   |
| <b>Safety Equipment Required</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● N/A</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Testing</b>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There is no written test required for this competition.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Provided by Contestant (Tool List)</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rubber bands</li> <li>● Combs</li> <li>● Products for styling (wax, gel, etc.)</li> <li>● Clips</li> </ul>   |

- Synthetic hair
- Capes
- Temporary coloring product if using
- Towel
- Hand sanitizer / disinfectant
- Accessories for embellishments (NO premade hair ornaments)
- Tripod / clamp for manikin head
- Model
- First aid kit
- Crochet hook is permitted
- Latch Hook
- Bobby pins if doing an updo
- Hairspray / finishing products
- Photos
- Neck strips
- Loom permitted
- Manikin Heads will be ordered for students and will be at the contest. Cost of heads are included in registration cost for the contestant.

**Contest Notes,  
Themes, & Deadlines**

**Live Model (must be same attire as contestant, natural makeup, no jewelry)**

- Creative design portion of contest: The theme for the Creative Hair Design portion is "Champion Your Future" Have a picture of the design that they will do on an 8"x10" photo, and they must use 3 of the 6 elements listed. No heat is permitted. 2 hours is allotted for this portion. A dollar limit on supplies will be \$30 and cannot exceed that amount, you must provide a receipt to prove the amount.
- 1. Embellishments (beads or hoops)
- 2. Option of color weave in or any color extension
- 3. Multiple strand braid
- 4. Finger waves (no heat, must use a product to accomplish)
- 5. Up-do
- 6. May use temporary spray color

**Manikin Head - Braiding Portion (No off-site braids on head)  
Manikin will be sectioned into two halves of the head.**

**One half of the head is Box Braids, the other half is Cornrows.**

**Box Braids:**

- Minimum is 1" x 1"
- Length of braid is maximum of 18"
- No heat (burning melting) only rubber bands at the end
- Synthetic hair only (no pre-color only brown or black)
- Extension color must be brown or black

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|  | <p><b>Cornrows:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum of 4 cornrows must be on the head</li> <li>• No heat (burning / melting) only rubbers bands at the ends</li> <li>• Synthetic hair only (no pre-color only natural as the manikin comes)</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>WIFI Provided?</b></p>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Special Notes/Rules for All Contests</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starting in 2024, all Skilled Trade State Contests (most leadership contests already use scenarios) will begin to add a scenario-based component.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wi-Fi will NOT BE AVAILABLE unless listed above.</u></b> If you need WIFI access, please plan to bring a hotspot.</li> <li>• All safety requirements will be heavily enforced. Competitors are to follow all safety standards and OSHA Regulations</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Contestants MUST HAVE A COPY OF THEIR EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORM IN THEIR NAME BADGE AT ALL TIMES</i></b></p> <p><b><u>THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROHIBITED; VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MAY RESULT IN COMPETITOR DISQUALIFICATION:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Contact with Contest Coordinators is prohibited.</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact with Contest Coordinators outside of the SkillsUSA Ohio is strictly prohibited.</b></li> <li>• <b>Possession of smart watches and/or phones during the contest and/or in contest.</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact with anyone outside of the contest area once the contest begins.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Inappropriate communication between contestants such as verbally degrading another contest.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Cheating on any portion of the contest such as informing another contestant of the skills/test prior to competing.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lack of Copy Emergency Medical Form in Name Badge.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <p><b>National Technical Standards</b></p>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please refer to the <b>2024-2026 National Technical Standards</b> for all contests. All standards included may be tested in any competition.</li> <li>• In conjunction with National Standards, lack of understanding of State Level competition standards (this document) may result in student loss of contest.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Resume/Interview Requirement</b></p>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All SkillsUSA Ohio State Championship Contests will require a short interview component. Students should be prepared with basic job interview skills.</li> <li>• All contestants <b><u>must have a hard copy</u></b> of a one (1) page personal resume.</li> </ul>   |

