



Firefighting

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"> ● 5/5/2026
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 8:00am. 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 & Contest Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Please refer to the Program Guidelines for eligibility- https://www.ohioskillsusa.org/resources/ ● Straight to State Contest (No Regional Qualifier)
Clothing	<p><u>For Competition Day the Dress Code is:</u> Class E</p> <p><u>For the Awards Ceremony the Dress Code is:</u> Class A or Class J</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SkillsUSA Ohio Clothing Guide
Safety Equipment Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A
Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students should be prepared to take a written knowledge test.
Provided by Contestant (Tool List)	<p>Complete set of firefighter's personal protective equipment, including:</p> <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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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>Contest Notes, Themes, & Deadlines</p>	<p>Contest Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Knowledge Performance- The contest will include a written knowledge exam assessing general knowledge of firefighting. Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills 4th edition and Skills USA Leadership Handbook ● The exam will be based on the State of Ohio Fire Fighter 1 Curriculum. ● The skill portion of this course will be divided into two sections an Outside course consisting of 4 stations. This event will be timed and scored. The inside course will consist of 8 stations that will run consecutively for an overall time and score. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 it is running, they will be given a warning. After the first warning they will then be assessed a 10 second penalty for each time they are running. They may walk fast but shall not run. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. <p>Contest Guidelines Outside Course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Station 1- Gear Donning - PPE- competitors are required to wear full NFPA-approved turnout gear including coat, pants, helmet, firefighting gloves, leather or rubber (steel toe/shank/shin guard) boots and Nomex hood SCBA and facepiece on (Contestants will not be going on Air). All department/school names must be removed/covered prior to the competition. (Contestants will wear their full gear for the rest of the course) The time for this event is included into the overall time of the whole course. All PPE has to be donned and properly worn. End of donning will be signaled by clapping of the hands from the competitor. From this station they will proceed directly to station 2 While wearing full protective gear including SCBA ● Station 2- contestants will proceed to the fire engine where there will be 100-foot of 1 3/4 hose laid on the ground next to the engine. The contestant will attach the hose to the engine and then proceed to stretch the hose straight out from the engine.

While stretching the hose the contestant must attach the combination nozzle to the end of the hose. Once the hose is stretched, and the nozzle is connected they will signal for water. When they have water, they must open the nozzle and show a straight stream, cone and wide fog pattern. They will then show an O, S, and T pattern. Strike the hose target with a straight stream. When finished they will close the bail and lay the hose down without causing water hammer and proceed to the next station. Score will be based off connecting hose, Nozzle pattern, Striking the target. The contestant may either stand or kneel while spraying water. Pump Pressure will be set to 100psi.

- Station 3- The contestant will retrieve a 24-foot Extension ladder that is laid out on the ground. They will successfully carry the ladder to the designated area place against the side of the building with proper climbing angle, Contestant must raise the ladder three rungs and place the ladder for the proper angle for climbing. The ladder must be placed on stable ground. Contestant must say proper commands when raising the ladder. Once the ladder is placed and contestant says they are done to the judge time will stop for the outside course. (The contestant will assist the judge on lowering the ladder and return it to the starting point.) There will be no climbing of the ladder Inside Course For the inside course Contestants will be in full firefighting gear to include SCBA There will be no face piece for this part of the Course.
- Station #1 CPR (No SCBA Face piece for this part of the event) Contestants will demonstrate their ability to perform two minutes of CPR. They will kneel next to the CPR mannequin and perform CPR according to the American Heart association standards. Judges will be evaluating hand placement, Rate, Depth and breath quality. (Students may provide their own barrier mask. If no mask they will perform breaths with a barrier shield that is provided.)
- Station #2 Search and Rescue Blind Maze Contestant will don a blind fold they will be directed to a hose where they will follow a 100' of hose through a search course. In this course they will encounter obstacles where they may have to go around, Under and Over obstacles. When done time will pause contestant will remove their blind fold for the rest of the course.
- Station #3 Attack Space. Contestant will crawl through a simulated attic space making sure to stay on the rafters while crawling through.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Station #4 Restricted Passage Contestant Will Crawl through a passage where they will require to go over an object and then under an object to simulate a stud wall. ● Station #5 Kiser Sled Students will mount the sled platform where they will strike the weight and drive it to the other end of the sled. When done dismount the sled platform and continue. ● Station #6 Crawl Space Contestant will crawl under two platforms about 16' pulling a hose line with them. Once they cross the tape line on the other end, they will stand up leave the hose and continue. ● Station #7 Drag Contestant will pick up a 175# dummy under the arms and drag the dummy 25' around a cone and back to the starting line. When they cross the line, they can drop the dummy, and the course time will end. Penalty for each time the drop for minor drop -2 points for major drop -5 for Maximum of -10 points. Knots: Standalone Station Contestants will be required to tie all or part of the following knots They will get one attempt to tie the knot for the points: Half Hitch (around a Bar) Clove Hitch Closed: around a bar Clove Hitch Open: Tie knot in hand and slide over bar Figure Eight Tie in hand Figure-Eight on bight Tie in hand Figure-Eight Bend: Tie around Bar <p>Job Interview Standalone Station</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contestants will be asked a few basic job interview questions based off a firefighting job. Students will have Max of 10 min for interview These will be conducted throughout the day. ● Grading rubric: ● Appearance ● Greeting ● Answers to the three questions ● Presentation ● Salesmanship ● Overall effect. <p>All contestants must have a hard copy of a one (1) page personal resume.</p>
WIFI Provided?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No
Special Notes/Rules for All Contests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Starting in 2024, all Skilled Trade State Contests (most leadership contests already use scenarios) will begin to add a scenario-based component. ● <u>Wi-Fi will NOT BE AVAILABLE unless listed above.</u> If you need WIFI access, please plan to bring a hotspot.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All safety requirements will be heavily enforced. Competitors are to follow all safety standards and OSHA Regulations <p style="text-align: center;">Contestants <i>MUST HAVE A COPY OF THEIR EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORM IN THEIR NAME BADGE AT ALL TIMES</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROHIBITED; VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MAY RESULT IN COMPETITOR DISQUALIFICATION:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact with Contest Coordinators is prohibited. - Contact with Contest Coordinators outside of the SkillsUSA Ohio is strictly prohibited. - Possession of smart watches and/or phones during the contest and/or in contest. - Contact with anyone outside of the contest area once the contest begins. - Inappropriate communication between contestants such as verbally degrading another contest. - Cheating on any portion of the contest such as informing another contestant of the skills/test prior to competing. - Lack of Copy Emergency Medical Form in Name Badge.
<p style="text-align: center;">National Technical Standards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please refer to the 2024-2026 National Technical Standards for all contests. All standards included may be tested in any competition. • In conjunction with National Standards, lack of understanding of State Level competition standards (this document) may result in student loss of contest.
<p style="text-align: center;">Resume/Interview Requirement</p>	<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 <u>must have a hard copy</u> of a one (1) page personal resume.