Graphic Communications

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

On-Site/Off-Site	● On-Site
Contest Date	● 5/5/2026
Contest Location	● Convention Center ● B-Hall
Early/Normal Start Time	● 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	● Open ● Exhibit Halls do not open to observers until 12:00pm.
Eligibility & Contest Type	● Please refer to the Program Guidelines for eligibility-**https://www.ohioskillsusa.org/resources/** ● Straight to State Contest (No Regional Qualifier)
Clothing	**For Competition Day the Dress Code is:** Class F **For the Awards Ceremony the Dress Code is:** Class A or Class J ● SkillsUSA Ohio Clothing Guide
Safety Equipment Required	● N/A
Testing	● Students should be prepared to take a written knowledge test.
Provided by Contestant (Tool List)	● One hard copy of a 1-page typed personal resume ● Competitors are required to bring a desktop or laptop computer preloaded with Adobe Creative Suites (InDesign, Illustrator and Photoshop) w/USB drive. ● Make sure the Adobe software has been used within a week of the competition in order for it to be accessible. There will be no internet access issues during the competition.

Contest Notes, Themes, & Deadlines	- Please ensure you have tried and tested Adobe software when disconnected from your school's WIFI. TEST THIS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL. - The contest may include these components (not an all-inclusive list) - Interview/Graphic Design project (Adobe In-Design based) - Tri-Fold project (Adobe In-Design based) - Print Production/Press Operations
WIFI Provided?	Yes
Special Notes/Rules for All Contests	- Starting in 2024, all Skilled Trade State Contests (most leadership contests already use scenarios) will begin to add a scenario-based component. **Wi-Fi will NOT BE AVAILABLE unless listed above.** If you need WIFI access, please plan to bring a hotspot. - All safety requirements will be heavily enforced. Competitors are to follow all safety standards and OSHA Regulations *Contestants MUST HAVE A COPY OF THEIR EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORM IN THEIR NAME BADGE AT ALL TIMES* THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROHIBITED; VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MAY RESULT IN COMPETITOR DISQUALIFICATION: - 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.
National Technical Standards	- 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.
Resume/Interview Requirement	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.