



Horticulture

The purpose of students competing in horticulture is to develop practical skills, foster innovation, and deepen their understanding of sustainable agricultural practices while showcasing their knowledge and creativity in plant science.

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 ● D-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/ ● State Only Contest (Only runs in Ohio- winner does not proceed to Nationals)
Clothing	<p><u>For Competition Day the Dress Code is:</u> Class D</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"> ● Safety Gloves
Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There is no written test required for this competition.
Provided by Contestant (Tool List)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Two flat shovels. ● One hard rake. ● One leaf rake. ● Two push brooms. ● Sledgehammer (stakes).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hand Pruners. ● Spade and Sod Knife. ● Wheelbarrow. ● Tamp. ● Screed Boards four a 5x6ft paver area. ● Square. ● String line. ● Two tape measures. ● Pencils. ● Scale.
<p>Contest Notes, Themes, & Deadlines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Competition Specific Attire: Competitors are asked to wear the OGIA OHLO Conference T-Shirt, with jeans or work pants, and work boots. ● If the OHLO T-shirt is no longer available, competitors must wear a plain T-shirt. ● No branded items are allowed to be worn in the competition. Refer to OHLO Contest Guidelines for specific contest information. This contest will include Hardscape installation, Plant installation, sod installation, and lighting and irrigation. All competitors will participate in an orientation at the start of the contest, in which they will be given the design and layout of the competition.
<p>WIFI Provided?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No
<p>Special Notes/Rules for All Contests</p>	<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. ● All safety requirements will be heavily enforced. Competitors are to follow all safety standards and OSHA Regulations <p><i>Contestants MUST HAVE A COPY OF THEIR EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORM IN THEIR NAME BADGE AT ALL TIMES</i></p> <p><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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of Copy Emergency Medical Form in Name Badge.
National Technical Standards	<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.
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 <u>must have a hard copy</u> of a one (1) page personal resume.

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