

Cosmetology

Date	February 13, 2026	Orientation Time	10:45 A.M
Location	Apollo Career Center 3325 Shawnee Rd. Lima, OH 45806	Contest Time	Immediately following orientation (CLOSED contest)
Scope of Contest	<p>A verbal communications test will assess competitors' verbal presentation skills. Separate performance tests assess skills in haircutting and styling (45 minutes), and long hair design (60 minutes). Technical skills are assessed through a uniform layered haircut.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The competition rules will be reviewed during orientation. • All competitors must keep their work area clean and organized. • All competitors must follow sanitation and safety procedures throughout the contest. • Professional attitude and communication are expected throughout the contest. • Once time is called, competitors must stop working. Touching the hair of the mannequin or model after time is called will result in three penalty points. • Cell phones and other electronic devices must be turned off during the contest. • All times are approximate and will be confirmed during orientation. • Sharing of tools between competitors is prohibited. • Clean up time is separate from the time of each standard being performed • Updo standard Add: For the long hair design, no ornaments or hairpieces are allowed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No earrings or eyelashes are allowed. ○ Only hair "donuts" can be used to help in the aiding of the updo. 		
Testing	No		
Eligibility	1 contestant for every 50 paid members enrolled in program		
Clothing	Clothing Competition Guide: CLASS G		
Provided by Contestant ALL items must be labeled sanitary/clean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Resume – Typed Hardcopy • Emergency Medical Form (contestants must have this to compete) • **Mannequin heads will be provided at the contest site. • State board-approved disinfectant (must have manufacturer's label) • Hand sanitizer (must have manufacturer's label) • Blood spill kit • Two manikin clamps • Styling product(s) of choice • Combs and brushes • Bobby/hair pins • Thermal tools (flat iron and/or curling iron) • Shears and razor • Hair clips • Spray bottle (filled with water and labeled) 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blow dryer • Unsanitary container (labeled: trash) • Tripods, extenders, and/or 2 mannequin clamps. Whichever preferred by contestant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The following WILL NOT be tolerated and are grounds for disqualification from the competition:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No smart watches, cellphones and/or other electronic devices in the contest area unless specifically stated in this document. These devices cannot be used as a calculator. • No contact with anyone outside of the contest area once the contest begins. • No inappropriate communication between contestants such as verbally degrading another contestant or informing another contestant of the skills/test prior to or during the competition. • No cheating on any portion of the contest. • The use of AI is strictly prohibited and will result in an automatic disqualification of the contestant. 	
Contest Standards	Contest Skilled Performance Standards CO 1.0 - Long Hair Design: Create a long hair design of your choice within a one-hour time period. CO 4.0 - Uniform layer haircut (90-degree haircut) Procedure: Create a uniform layer (90 degree) haircut and design with criteria selected by the national technical committee. Contestant must style the hair with hair dryer and fingers only in 45 minutes. CO 6.0 – Verbal Communication Skills: Follow oral and written instructions, respond to oral questions, and demonstrate customer service skills by phone in a two-minute simulated work scenario.	Aligned ODEW Human Services Career Field Technical Content Standard Outcomes Outcome 3.2 Principles of Infection Control Outcome 3.1 Environmental Interventions Outcome 4.4 Hair Styling Services Outcome 4.5 Haircutting Outcome 3.2 Principles of Infection Control Outcome 3.1 Environmental Interventions Outcome 4.4 Hair Styling Services Outcome 4.5 Haircutting Outcome 1.1 Employability Skills Outcome 1.2 Leadership and Communication Outcome 1.4 Knowledge Management and Information Technology Outcome 1.10 Sales and Marketing Above Outcomes can be found in the following ODEW courses: 174125 – Fundamentals of Hair Cutting and Styling

		174155 – Salon Operations and Communications 174130 – Advanced Hair Cutting and Styling
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