



Photography

To evaluate each competitor's preparation for employment and to recognize outstanding students for excellence and professionalism in the field of (still) photography.

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 ● B-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/ ● Regional Qualifier Contest (Must attend and place in the top 4 at Regionals to Qualify to Compete at State Level)
Clothing	<p><u>For Competition Day the Dress Code is:</u> Class F</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"> ● <input type="checkbox"/> Students should be prepared to take a written photography knowledge test.
Provided by Contestant (Tool List)	<p>Documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contestant badge (must only have contestant # showing) ● Emergency Medical Form (folded & placed behind contestant # badge) ● Printed Resume from Contestant

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One (1) mounted photographic image for Print Competition ● Each student will submit one (1) photograph to be judged and displayed at the competition. Requirements for the print are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Print size must be no more/less than approx. 80 sq. inches (e.g., 8x10, 10x8, 7x11, 9x9, etc.) ● Must be mounted on a white ¼” foam board measuring 11”x14” in either a vertical or horizontal orientation No widow matts and no identification of any kind on print or board. ● The total thickness of the finished piece to be a foam core, white board. ● Adheres to no specific theme. Can be color, black & white, toned, straight, manipulated, any subject, etc. ● Print will be submitted at the orientation portion of contest. A label will be given to the student indicating their contestant number. This is to be placed in lower right-hand corner on the front of the mount board. <p>Personal Tools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Digital interchangeable lens (ILT) camera ● Camera accessories: to include but not limited to a minimum of (1) fully charged battery, (1) formatted/empty 16GB memory card, card reader or connection cord for download ● Computer with a USB port or drive (laptop preferred) ● Image editing software (Adobe Photoshop CC or higher suggested) Have admin rights to ADOBE <p>Computer accessories: to include but not limited to a minimum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (1) 25’ extension cord ● (1) multi-outlet, surge protected power strip, and mouse pad (for image editing) ● Two (2) #2 lead pencils <p>Optional:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hand-held light ● Photographic meter (strongly suggested) ● Additional accessories are acceptable and up to the discretion of the student (e.g., flash (not allowed in any event area), reflector, additional lenses, filters, hand-held meter, etc.)
<p>Contest Notes, Themes, & Deadlines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All equipment brought on the “field assignment” must be carried by the student (in essence, one medium-large camera bag). <p>Possible Field Assignment Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Diagonal line ● S-Curve line ● Circular line ● Contrast ● Shape ● Color

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Texture ● Abstract ● Selective focus ● Pattern ● Repetition ● Opposites ● High key ● Low Key ● Camera angle ● Motion ● Rule of Thirds ● Non-symmetrical Balance ● Symmetrical balance ● Random (Judges Choice) ● Possible Digital Troubleshooting: ● Blooming ● Jpeg Artifacts (over-compression) ● Moire ● Aliasing ● Posterization ● Improper white balance ● Over-Sharpening ● Clogged Ink-Jet printer nozzle ● Noise Sensor Artifacts (dust, dirt & debris) ● Newton Rings ● Lens Flare ● Lens/Shade/Filter Vignette ● Camera Shake ● Out of Focus ● Wrong Flash Sync Speed ● Lens Aberration (Distortion/Color Fringing) ● Digital Image Editing ● Common image processing edits ● Potential masking and layering or compositing ● Image files provided ● Product Light Set-Up ● Establish light quality & pattern ● Light ratio ● Evaluate exposure with hand-held light meter. Creative control (props, set-up)
WIFI Provided?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yes
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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <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 style="text-align: center;"><i>Contestants 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.
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.