



# Photography

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

<b>On-Site/Off-Site</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● On-Site</li> </ul>
<b>Contest Date</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 3/18/2025</li> </ul>
<b>Contest Location</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Convention Center</li> <li>● B-Hall</li> </ul>
<b>Early/Normal Start Time</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Normal Start Time</li> <li>● Registration will open at 8:00am. Please report to B-Hall Show Office for Registration. Competition will begin at 10:00am.</li> </ul>
<b>Contest Open/Closed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Open</li> <li>● Exhibit Halls do not open to observers until 12:00pm.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligibility &amp; Contest Type</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Please refer to the Program Guidelines for eligibility- <a href="https://www.ohioskillsusa.org/resources/">https://www.ohioskillsusa.org/resources/</a></li> <li>● Regional Qualifier Contest (Must attend and place in the top 4 at Regionals to Qualify to Compete at State Level)</li> </ul>
<b>Clothing</b>	<p><b><u>For Competition Day the Dress Code is:</u></b> Class F</p> <p><b><u>For the Awards Ceremony the Dress Code is:</u></b> Class A or Class J</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">2025 SkillsUSA Ohio Clothing Guide</a></li> </ul>
<b>Safety Equipment Required</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Testing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students should be prepared to take a written photography</li> </ul>

<p><b>Provided by Contestant (Tool List)</b></p>	<p>knowledge test.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Documentation:</li> <li>● Contestant badge (must only have contestant # showing)</li> <li>● Emergency Medical Form (folded &amp; placed behind contestant # badge)</li> <li>● Printed Resume from Contestant</li> <li>● One (1) mounted photographic image for Print Competition</li> <li>● 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"> <li>● Print size must be no more/less than approx. 80 sq. inches (e.g., 8x10, 10x8, 7x11, 9x9, etc.)</li> <li>● 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.</li> <li>● The total thickness of the finished piece to be a foam core, white board.</li> <li>● Adheres to no specific theme. Can be color, black &amp; white, toned, straight, manipulated, any subject, etc.</li> <li>● 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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Personal Tools:</li> <li>● Digital interchangeable lens (ILT) camera</li> <li>● 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</li> <li>● Computer with a USB port or drive (laptop preferred)</li> <li>● Image editing software (Adobe Photoshop CC or higher suggested) Have admin rights to ADOBE</li> <li>● Computer accessories: to include but not limited to a minimum of (1) 25’ extension cord, (1) multi-outlet, surge protected power strip, and mouse pad (for image editing)</li> <li>● Two (2) #2 lead pencils</li> <li>● Optional: Hand-held light, photographic light meter (strongly suggested)</li> <li>● 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.)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Contest Notes, Themes, &amp; Deadlines</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All equipment brought on the “field assignment” must be carried by the student (in essence, one medium-large camera bag).</li> <li>● Possible Field Assignment Themes:</li> </ul>

- Diagonal line
- S-Curve line
- Circular line
- Contrast
- Shape
- Color
- 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 day of contest

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Product Light Set-Up</li> <li>● Establish light quality</li> <li>● Light ratio</li> <li>● Evaluate exposure with hand-held light meter.</li> <li>● Creative control (props, set-up)</li> </ul>
<b>WIFI Provided?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Yes</li> </ul>
<b>Special Notes/Rules for All Contests</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Started in 2024, all Skilled Trade State Contests (most leadership contests already use scenarios) will begin to add a scenario-based component.</li> <li>● <b><u>Wi-Fi will NOT BE AVAILABLE unless listed above</u></b>. If you need WIFI access please plan to bring a hotspot.</li> <li>● All safety requirements will be heavily enforced. Competitors are to follow all safety standards and OSHA Regulations</li> <li>● <b><i>Contestants MUST HAVE A COPY OF THEIR EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORM IN THEIR NAME BADGE AT ALL TIMES</i></b></li> <li>● <b><u>THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROHIBITED; VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MAY RESULT IN COMPETITOR DISQUALIFICATION:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Contact with Contest Coordinators is prohibited. Contact with Contest Coordinators outside of the SkillsUSA Ohio is strictly prohibited.</li> <li>● Possession of smart watches and/or phones during the contest and/or in contest.</li> <li>● Contact with anyone outside of the contest area once the contest begins.</li> <li>● Inappropriate communication between contestants such as verbally degrading another contest.</li> <li>● Cheating on any portion of the contest such as informing another contestant of the skills/test prior to competing.</li> <li>● Lack of Copy Emergency Medical Form in Name Badge.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>National Technical Standards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Please refer to the <b>2024-2026 National Technical Standards</b> for all contests. All standards included may be tested in any competition.</li> <li>● In conjunction with National Standards, lack of understanding of State Level competition standards (this document) may result in student loss of contest.</li> </ul>
<b>Resume/Interview Requirement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All SkillsUSA Ohio State Championship Contests will require a short interview component. Students should be prepared with basic job interview skills.</li> <li>● All contestants <b><u>must have a hard copy</u></b> of a one (1) page personal resume.</li> </ul>

