



Pin Design

To evaluate a competitor's creative, technical, and oral presentation skills and to recognize outstanding students for excellence and professionalism.

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 ● B242 & B243
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"> ● Closed ● This contest is closed to observers, instructors, and advisors.
Eligibility & Contest Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Please refer to the Program Guidelines for eligibility- https://www.ohioskillsusa.org/resources/ ● Straight to State Contest (No Regional Qualifier)
Clothing	<p><u>For Competition Day the Dress Code is:</u> Class A</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"> ● There is no written test required for this competition.
Provided by Contestant (Tool List)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hard copy of a one (1) page personal resume ● All pin entries should be submitted on a single 8.5" by 11" page and must include two identical and readable sizes of the pin design. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) The purpose of the enlargement size is to show greater detail. The largest dimension must be either 7" wide and/or 7" tall.

	<p>2.) The purpose of the production size is to show the actual pin size. The largest dimension must be either 1 ½" wide and/or 1 1/2" tall.</p> <p>3.) A penalty of five (5) points will be assessed for every 1/4" over or under on the enlargement size and five (5) points for every 1/8" over or under on the production size.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Means of presentation: computer, tablet, notebook, poster/display, or other media of your choice if desired to make your presentation to the judges. Your Display can include computer, tablet etc. but cannot be the root of the display. The tabletop display may be used in your presentation if desired. Due to time constraints on our presentation schedule, projectors/screens will not be used.
<p>Contest Notes, Themes, & Deadlines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● During orientation, students will be given a time for their presentation. ● Contestants will be permitted into the contest area at 10:00 a.m. and are encouraged to set up their display. ● Only contestants are allowed in the presentation areas during the contest. Additional time will be allotted after the orientation meeting for set-up of the tabletop display if needed. ● No observers will be permitted during the presentations, but observers are welcome to view the tabletop displays after all judging is completed. ● State contest presentation time is 5 - 7 minutes. Deductions will occur for presentations under 5 minutes or over 7 minutes. ● A contest debriefing will be held directly after close of contest, advisor may attend. ● Using original content is highly encouraged. However, small amounts of Creative Commons licensed graphics or commercial stock images maybe used only if accompanied by proof of license and provide attribution to credit the originator. Designs that violate copywrite laws are subject to disqualification. ● Electronics should only be allowed in the competition area if used as part of the presentation. ● After the presentation, the judges will ask questions related to pin design, SkillsUSA, production process, professional development, workplace, technical and leadership skills. ● A question/Answer session regarding their design will be given a maximum of 3 mins. ● Each contestant is individually asked one question by each judge. ● Competitors are encouraged to memorize their presentation and use their display or visual aid only for quick reference. ● Competitors should have good eye contact and good rapport with the judges.

- Strong presentations have a commanding introduction a series of strong supporting points and a conclusion which summarizes the topic.
- Talking points should include how did the competitor produce the concept, the process in which the competitors designed the pin, why the competitor feels it represents their state, what its unique qualities are, why the pin would be desirable to wear, collect, or trade, at National Leadership and Skills Conference.
- Must adhere to SkillsUSA brand spelling. Please refer to National Technical Standards guidelines.

Displays will be judged on the following criteria.

- Neatness
- Overall esthetic appeal
- Informative/educational value
- Cohesiveness
- Grammar and spelling
- Size
- Originality and creativity
- Overall effort.

Ethical Use of AI and Original Design Requirements

- To maintain the integrity of the SkillsUSA Championships and uphold industry expectations for creative professions, all competitors must follow the guidelines below regarding originality, copyright compliance, and the ethical use of AI tools.

Original Design Requirement

- All entries must be the competitor's own original concept, created during the current school year.
- Designs that replicate, closely imitate, or infringe upon copyrighted materials, including AI-generated content derived from copyrighted sources, are subject to disqualification.

Ethical Use of AI

- Competitors may use AI tools as part of their creative process; however, the final design must reflect the competitor's own technical skill, decision-making, and creativity.
- Any AI involvement must be fully documented and cited.
- AI tools must not be used to generate copyrighted characters, logos, images, or assets owned by another entity.
- Judges will award points based on the originality of the design and the competitor's authentic contributions.

	<p>Scoring Emphasis on Originality Competitors will be evaluated on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Originality of concept • Technical skills demonstrated through hands-on work • Creativity and design execution • Entries that lack originality or include uncredited AI assistance may receive reduced scores or be disqualified.
<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. - 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.
<p>National Technical Standards</p>	<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.
<p>Resume/Interview Requirement</p>	<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.

