



# 2021 - 2022 SkillsUSA Florida Contest Guide

Welcome to the 2021-2022 SkillsUSA Florida Championships season! You will find information in this guide on all competitive events that will be offered at the State Leadership and Skills Conference in Jacksonville, FL on April 18-21, 2022. Please take some time to review this information and reach out to the state office with any questions. The team at SkillsUSA Florida is excited for a full return to in-person events this year!

## STATE CONTESTS BY CLUSTER

[This document](#) has a brief description of each contest offered at the state level organized by career cluster. This is designed to be a guide and does not replace the technical standards. Technical Standards are available online October 1 as a benefit to professional membership with SkillsUSA. Please refer to the Technical Standards for official contest rules and eligibility.

View the document here: <https://skillsusafl.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Contests-by-Cluster-8.20.21.pdf>

## HOW TO ACCESS TECHNICAL STANDARDS

The Technical Standards are the primary source of information for contests. They are available with Professional membership online at [absorb.skillsusa.org](https://absorb.skillsusa.org) on October 1, 2021. Once you register as a professional member at [register.skillsusa.org](https://register.skillsusa.org), you'll receive an email with instructions on how to create and access your account. If you have any issues accessing, please contact the Customer Care Team at 844-875-4557 or [customercare@skillsusa.org](mailto:customercare@skillsusa.org).

## CONTEST UPDATES

In the event a contest will deviate from the official Technical Standards, an update will be posted online at <https://www.skillsusafl.org/stateconference/contest-updates/>. Be sure to check this page regularly for supply lists, contest information, and other details. If no update is posted, refer to the Technical Standards for supply lists and other contest information.

For National Championships contest updates, including any changes to the Technical Standards, visit [updates.skillsusa.org](https://updates.skillsusa.org).

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

The General Regulations provide information for all contests regarding tiebreakers, SkillsUSA Knowledge exam, team policies, eligibility requirements, and more. They also include descriptions and photos of the clothing classifications. Be sure to review the restrictions on the use of hazardous materials in presentation contests. General Regulations will be available online with the Technical Standards by October 1. Check back here for links.

## FLORIDA-ONLY CONTESTS

Florida-only contests are held at the state level but do not have a corresponding contest at the national level. Students who compete in Florida-only contests enjoy all the benefits of competition, including medals and prizes, but do not advance to the national competition. Technical Standards for each contest are available on the state contest updates page at [skillsusafl.org/state-conference/updates](https://skillsusafl.org/state-conference/updates).

- **Cosmetology Quiz Bowl** – A team of 3-5 students participate in 3 rounds of live knowledge questions, plus a written exam. Topics include general academic knowledge, SkillsUSA knowledge, and Cosmetology related knowledge.
- **Culinary Quiz Bowl** – A team of 3-5 students participate in 3 rounds of live knowledge questions, plus a written exam. Topics include general academic knowledge, SkillsUSA knowledge, and culinary and hospitality knowledge.
- **Hair Weave** – Contestants will demonstrate their ability to create an original weave style comparable to industry standards using sewing &/or bonding, cutting, and styling techniques. The style must be an original, creative, weave design, and should show evidence of advanced skill level. The style must include attaching, shaping & thermal styling of artificial hair.
- **MRE Challenge** – A team of 2 students are provided 6-8 various MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) and must create a full meal, including an appetizer, entrée, beverage, and dessert. The only materials permitted are those contained within the MREs, and no additional ingredients or method of preparation is permitted.
- **Promotional Poster** – A team of 2 students is provided with materials to create a poster to promote a given theme. The entire project is produced on-site, and students must adhere to a budget to complete their project. They will also participate in an interview with judges regarding their creative process. **(Please note: Budgeting component added in 2021)**
- **Wedding Cake Design** – A team of 2 students design a 3-tiered wedding cake and execute the preparation on site. Students participate in an interview regarding their creative process and technical abilities, and all decorations must be edible.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTESTS

The following contests will be offered at the State Leadership and Skills Conference for middle school students. Competitors must be registered and paid by the established deadlines in order to participate.

- Team Engineering Challenge
- Mobile Robotics
- Robotics Urban Search and Rescue
- Pin Design
- Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Job Skill Demo A
- Job Skill Demo Open
- Outstanding Chapter

## **NEW NATIONAL CONTESTS: TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATIONS AND DEMONSTRATION CONTESTS**

As technologies improve and industries change, our contests should grow and change as well. Each year, the SkillsUSA Championships office reviews applications for contests to be added to the National Championships. Once an application is approved, the first step in the process is to participate as a Technology Demonstration at the National Leadership and Skills Conference. Successful contests at this level will then advance to the Demonstration Contest phase.

### **TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION**

During the event, instructors are given the opportunity to explore the contest area and ask questions of the committee. However, the competitors must be invited to participate and do not receive medals or prizes during the awards ceremony. After a contest completes Technology Demonstration status satisfactorily, they graduate to Demonstration Contest status. For the 2021-2022 school year, Florida will participate in Facilitathon, which will be a National Technology Demonstration. Participation in the national conference in this competition is by invitation only, and students are not scored, nor do they receive medals or prizes. At the state contest, these student competitors will pay registration, participate in all conference events, and receive medals and prizes in the same manner as other competitors.

- **Facilitathon** - This competition tests the student's ability to thrive in a facility management environment through a 50-question common-sense quiz, a 10-minute role-play, and the FM challenge, an emergency scenario that the student must immediately react to.

### **DEMONSTRATION CONTESTS**

Gold medalists in Demonstration contests are invited to participate at the national level. Demonstration contestants receive medals and prizes, and the contest remains at this status for at least 2 years. During that time, the contest must show growth beyond 15 states participating in order to become an official SkillsUSA contest. Technical Standards for Demonstration Contests are available at <https://www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/contest-descriptions/>.

For the 2021-2022 school year, the following Demonstration contests are being offered at the state level. At the state contest, these student competitors will pay registration, participate in all conference events, and receive medals and prizes in the same manner as other competitors.

- **Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair** – (*high school only*) The contest will be consistent with the auto maintenance and light repair task list outlined in guidelines published by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) and the ASE Education Foundation at: [www.aseeducationfoundation.org](http://www.aseeducationfoundation.org). Contestants will demonstrate their ability to perform jobs or skills selected from the standards mentioned above.
- **Collision Damage Appraisal** – The contest will be consistent with the Collision Repair/Refinishing Technician Task List outlined in the guidelines published by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) and the National Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF), [www.natef.org](http://www.natef.org). Contestants demonstrate their ability to perform jobs and skills based on, but not limited to: handwritten estimating, computerized estimates/appraisals, frontal damage, unibody damage, light mechanical damage, rear damage including quarter panel replacement. The overall accuracy and quality of the finished products, speed, and proper safety practices will be judged.
- **Commercial Drone Technology** – This competition is designed to evaluate team members' skills and preparation for employment in multiple career fields related to the safe and efficient use of drone technology in the National Airspace System and to recognize outstanding performance by participants in real-world, scenario-based situations.

- **Emergency Medical Technician** – The contest will evaluate the contestants’ ability to perform as an Emergency Medical Technician with the National Registry Patient Assessment Technical Scope of Practice Standards (TSOPS) as defined by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA, 2007, p.24), the most current American Heart Association CPR/ECC guidelines, and the AAOS Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured 11th Ed. The event will consist of three rounds of competition for a two-person team.

## **SPECIAL NEEDS CONTESTS**

The following contests are open to students classified under the provisions of Public Law 105-17.

- **Action Skills**
- **Building Maintenance**
- **Community Action Project**
- **Employment Application Process**

Students registered in these contests must provide documentation at both the state and national contests during the contest orientation as outlined in the Technical Standards in order to participate in the competition. If you are unsure if a student qualifies, please consult the Guidance department at your school. Refer to the contest Technical Standards for more information.

A letter from the appropriate school official on school letterhead stating that the contestant is classified under the provisions of Public Law 105-17, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 1997, is required for participation. Schools having restrictions on the release of this information may submit a letter on school letterhead of eligibility, which simply states: “I certify that (*student name*) meets the eligibility requirements for the SkillsUSA Championships Action Skills contest. Signed, (*school official*).” The eligibility letter is to be presented to the contest chair at the contestant orientation meeting.

## **SKILLSUSA KNOWLEDGE EXAM**

The SkillsUSA Knowledge Exam will be counted as a scored portion of each state and national contest. The study guide below will assist in preparing students for these written exams.

Study Guide:

[https://skillsusafl.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/National-and-State-PD-Test-Study-Guide\\_2021.pdf](https://skillsusafl.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/National-and-State-PD-Test-Study-Guide_2021.pdf)

## **QUALIFYING FOR REGIONAL COMPETITION**

*\*\*The requirements for each region may vary, so be sure to contact your regional coordinator to confirm these details.*

Students must be registered members in order to be eligible to compete in the regional conference. Register students online at [register.skillsusa.org](https://register.skillsusa.org). In general, each school may enter 3 skill contestants per contest, per division, and unlimited contestants for leadership competitions, but each region may have different requirements. Be sure to contact your Regional Coordinator for more information.

## **QUALIFYING FOR STATE COMPETITION**

Students can qualify for the state competition during the regional contest. Most contests are open to at least 1st through 3rd place. You can find a full list of regional contest invitations here:

<https://skillsusafl.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Contest-Invitation-Grid-2022.pdf>. Some contests may not

have a regional competition; in this case, those contestants will advance straight to the state competition. Your Regional Coordinator will provide you information regarding any contestants advancing straight to state.

State Conference registration is open at the conclusion of your regional competition. You may register contestants anytime before the deadline. Students entered in the registration system at the close of registration are considered “registered” for the event, regardless of whether they are officially submitted. Please be sure to delete any entries who will not be participating before the registration deadline to avoid any unnecessary fees. The registration deadline for SLSC is March 7, 2022, and payment is due by March 22, 2022.

At least one advisor per school is required to attend a Championships Orientation Session on March 29, 2022, at 10 AM ET, or March 30, 2022, at 6 PM ET. Sign up for a session using this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/212373737779065>

### **QUALIFYING FOR NATIONAL COMPETITION**

During the Closing and Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, April 21, 2022, winners will be announced in each division and competition and awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals. When a winner is announced, the student should leave their belongings at their seat and move towards the stage. They will be moved onto the stage as a group by contest and awarded their medals. Medalists will move to the photo area, and then to the prize room to receive any prizes.

At that time, gold medalists will receive an invitation to compete as part of the SkillsUSA Florida Delegation at the National Leadership and Skills Conference in Atlanta, GA on June 20-24, 2022. If a gold medal winner is not able to attend the national conference, we ask that they alert the SkillsUSA Florida team when receiving their prizes. Gold medalists will be asked to complete and submit an Intent to Enter form. The national conference invitation will include a QR code to complete the form, and it will also be available in hard copy. This form should be completed by the end of the Closing Ceremonies.

Immediately following the ceremony, qualifying students and their advisors must attend the NLSC Delegation Prep Meeting to receive important information about the national conference and registration processes. This is a mandatory meeting for NLSC participants. Please make plans to attend. The delegation will be released no later than one hour following the awards ceremony to travel home.

On May 3 at 6 PM ET, a virtual meeting will be held for contestants, advisors, administrators, and parents, where we will review NLSC registration procedures, contest updates, hotel information, schedules, and other important details related to NLSC. We will also provide time to ask any questions related to the conference and competitions. Registration is open at the conclusion of the SLSC Closing and Awards Ceremony. The registration deadline for NLSC is May 9 at 5 PM ET and payment is due by May 30. As a reminder, payment for the national conference can be made only by check.

View the Intent to Enter form online: <https://form.jotform.com/212356009919155>