



2022 - 2023 SkillsUSA Florida Contest Guide

Welcome to the 2022-2023 SkillsUSA Florida Championships season! You will find information in this guide on all competitive events offered at the State Leadership and Skills Conference in Jacksonville, FL on April 10-13, 2023. Please take some time to review this information and reach out to the state office with any questions. We can't wait to see your students' skills in action!

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STATE CONTESTS BY CLUSTER

[This document](#) briefly describes each contest offered at the state level organized by career cluster. This is designed as a guide and does not replace the official contest technical standards. Technical Standards are available online on October 1 with professional membership at absorb.skillsusa.org. Please refer to the Technical Standards for official contest rules and eligibility.

View the document here:

<https://www.skillsusafl.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Contests-by-Cluster-2022-2023-8.12.22.pdf>

HOW TO ACCESS TECHNICAL STANDARDS

The Technical Standards are the primary source of information for contests, including standards and competencies to be measured, uniform requirements, eligibility, tool/supply lists, written exam information, team size, and other details. They are available with Professional membership online at absorb.skillsusa.org on October 1, 2022. Once you register as a professional member at register.skillsusa.org, you'll receive an email with instructions on creating and accessing your account. If you have any issues accessing, please contact the Customer Care Team at 844-875-4557 or customercare@skillsusa.org.

CONTEST UPDATES

If a contest deviates from the official Technical Standards for state-level competitions, an update will be posted online at <https://www.skillsusafl.org/stateconference/contest-updates/>. 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.

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.

**new for 2022-2023 school year*

- American Spirit *
- Extemporaneous Speech *
- Job Skill Demo A
- Job Skill Demo Open
- Mobile Robotics
- Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Pin Design
- Prepared Speech *
- Robotics Urban Search and Rescue
- Team Engineering Challenge
- T-shirt Design *

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 will be available on the state contest updates page at skillsusafl.org/state-conference/updates by September 15, 2023.

- **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 original, creative, weave design and show evidence of advanced skill level. Attaching, shaping & thermal styling of artificial hair must be used.
- **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 contest pantry.
- **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.

SPECIAL NEEDS CONTESTS

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

- **Action Skills**
- **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.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

The General Regulations provide information for all contests regarding tiebreakers, SkillsUSA Knowledge exam, team policies, eligibility requirements, and descriptions and photos of the clothing classifications. Be sure to review the restrictions on using hazardous materials in presentation contests. General Regulations will be available with the Technical Standards by October 1 at absorb.skillsusa.org.

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.

https://skillsusafl.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/National-and-State-PD-Test-Study-Guide_2021.pdf

NEW NATIONAL CONTESTS: 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, competitions are able to participate as a Demonstration Contest at the National Leadership and Skills Conference. Demonstration Contests must garner consistent support from at least 15 states by the end of a three-year trial period in order to be adopted as an official national competition.

DEMONSTRATION CONTESTS

Gold medalists in Demonstration contests are invited to participate at the national level and receive medals and prizes in the same manner as official contests. Technical Standards for Demonstration Contests are available at: skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/contest-descriptions/.

For the 2022-2023 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.

- **Commercial sUAS 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.
- **Facilithon** – 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.

PREVIOUS DEMONSTRATION CONTESTS MOVED TO OFFICIAL STATUS

- **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. Contestants will demonstrate their ability to perform jobs or skills selected from the above standards.
- **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. Contestants demonstrate their ability to perform jobs and skills based on handwritten estimating, computerized estimates/appraisals, frontal damage, unibody damage, light mechanical damage, and rear damage including quarter panel replacement.

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. 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. The State Contest Invitation Grid will be available on the [Advisor Resources](#) page in late September. 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 with 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 SLSC23 is March 6, 2023, and payment is due by March 20, 2023.

At least one advisor per school is required to attend a Championships Orientation Session on March 28, 2023, at 10 AM ET, or March 29, 2023, 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 13, 2023, 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 19-23, 2023. 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 2 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 8 at 5 PM ET and payment is due by May 26. As a reminder, payment for the national conference can be made only by check.

Meeting information for the May 2 meeting will be emailed to the students who complete the Intent to Enter Form, and the advisors they list on that form.

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