

# Competition Attire – State Contest Update 2023

The SkillsUSA Florida State Office is aware of the supply issues with the official SkillsUSA uniform provider. Please know that your students would never be penalized for this issue, and we are prepared to provide flexibility on contest attire. The exceptions outlined below are only applicable for state level competitions in 2023.

Whenever possible, contest attire should match what is outlined in the official contest Technical Standards and Clothing Classifications. The official provider of SkillsUSA uniforms is the SkillsUSA Store, found online at [skillsusastore.org](https://skillsusastore.org).

**If uniforms are not available in the correct size, or are backordered or delayed so that they won't arrive in time for the state competition, the following substitutions may be made without penalty:**

1. All safety standards of competitions must be followed without exception. Contestants must follow the use of PPE as outlined in the contest technical standards. This includes steel toed boots, long sleeves, 100% cotton, and similar safety features, wherever appropriate.
2. Plain attire in a similar color and style may be substituted for official SkillsUSA logo attire. For example:
  - a. Plain royal blue scrubs for medical contests
  - b. Plain khaki or tan work shirt for construction and manufacturing contests
  - c. Plain white chef coat for culinary
  - d. Plain light blue work shirt for automotive and transportation
  - e. Plain white cosmetology smock for cosmetology contests
3. Official attire may be worn without a blazer ONLY IF one is not available. In this case, contestants must wear all other non-logo/emblem components of official attire, including black slacks (no jeans) or knee-length skirt, white blouse or button down, black tie (with collared button down only), black socks or nude/black hose, and black dress shoes. Refer to the Clothing Classifications for further details.
4. A plain white polo may be worn in lieu of the official SkillsUSA logo polo.

*Suggested brands for work shirts and pants:*

- a. *Dickies*
- b. *Carhartt*
- c. *Red Kap*
- d. *Wranglers*