



SkillsUSA Florida Championships Roadmap and Reference Guide

WELCOME

Welcome to the 2026-2027 SkillsUSA Florida Championships season! This guide provides information on preparing for SkillsUSA regional, state, and national competitions, including competitive events offered at the State Leadership and Skills Conference (SLSC) in Jacksonville, FL, on April 26-29, 2027.

This information may be updated throughout the program year; updates will be posted on the [Contest Updates page](#).

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PART 1: COMPETITION ROADMAP

How SkillsUSA Competition Works

SkillsUSA student members are eligible to compete in the SkillsUSA Championships, provided they meet the competition's eligibility requirements. Competitions are held at the regional, state, and national levels.

REGIONAL - Regional contests are used as qualifying events for certain competitions. Not all contests will be held at the regional level; some students will advance straight to state. Contact your Regional Coordinator for more information. A bank of regional competition resources and practice competitions [is available here](#).

STATE - The [Official Contest List](#) provides information on the competitions offered at the state level. Check with your Regional Coordinator before registering for the state competition to confirm which contests have a regional qualifying competition.

NATIONAL - Gold medalists at SLSC are invited to participate in the National Championships. The State Director and scoring team review and certify scores before the ceremony. If a gold medalist cannot attend, the state office will notify the next eligible contestant within 1 week of the state conference. There are no "straight to nationals" competitions; contestants must register, attend SLSC, and participate in designated hands-on competition activities to qualify for the national competition.

At SLSC, winners will be announced in each division and competition. Gold medalists will receive an Intent to Enter form, which must be completed and submitted by the end of the ceremony to claim their invitation and provide the student's and advisor's email. The student may forfeit their invitation if we do not receive the form on time.

[Check out a Summary of Competitions by Career Cluster](#)

Annual Timeline for Championships

August	Program Year Resources Released
September	Advisor Back to School Virtual Meeting
October	Begin chapter meetings, provide contest options to students
November	Narrow down contest selections (and attend the Fall Leadership Conference!)
December	Contest Prep Virtual Session for Advisors
February	Membership deadline Virtual Orientation for Advisors Regional Competitions
March	Registration deadline Hotel reservation deadline
April	SLSC Virtual Town Hall Online Testing and Pre-conference Uploads Due Payment Due State Leadership and Skills Conference (SLSC)
May	NLSC registration deadline
June	National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC)

Where Do I Find It?

Contest Rules	Technical Standards
Contest Changes	Contest Updates Page
Clothing Requirements	Technical Standards and General Regulations
Team Size	Official Contest List
Scorecards	Part 4: Results, Reviews, and Policies
Contest Eligibility	Technical Standards and General Regulations
Grievance Policy	Part 4: Results, Reviews, and Policies

Advisor Responsibilities Checklist

Use this to stay on track!

Before Conference Registration

- ☐ Review contest offerings
- ☐ Verify student eligibility
- ☐ Volunteer for the State Education Team
- ☐ Register students for membership
- ☐ Encourage students to practice for competition and consider leadership roles.
- ☐ Check for AICE testing conflicts

Before State Conference

- ☐ Register students for competition
- ☐ Upload resumes and other documents
- ☐ Arrange proctors and schedule online testing
- ☐ Review contest updates and Technical Standards
- ☐ Review supplies and materials for each contest
- ☐ Attend Advisor Town Hall
- ☐ Set up conference logistics (transportation, meals, etc)

At State Conference

- ☐ Verify contestant numbers
- ☐ Review schedules
- ☐ Visit the Career Expo
- ☐ Encourage participation in Community Service and Professional Development
- ☐ Visit the Advisor Lounge

After State Conference

- ☐ Download scorecards
- ☐ Submit Intent to Enter for NLSC
- ☐ Fill out the post-conference survey

Student Responsibilities Checklist

Use this to stay on track!

Before Conference Registration

- ☐ Review contest offerings and decide what you want to compete in
- ☐ Verify your eligibility
- ☐ Register for membership
- ☐ Consider State Officer candidacy, Courtesy Corps, and other leadership opportunities.
- ☐ Practice for competition

Before State Conference

- ☐ Check with your Advisor about registration
- ☐ Upload resumes and other documents
- ☐ Complete online testing
- ☐ Review contest updates and Technical Standards
- ☐ Review supplies and materials for your contest

At State Conference

- ☐ Get a good night's sleep and stay hydrated
- ☐ Review schedules
- ☐ Be early to your contest area
- ☐ Visit the Career Expo
- ☐ Participate in Student Professional Development and Community Service
- ☐ Network with State Officer Candidates at Meet the Candidate and Delegate Sessions
- ☐ Attend Meet the Employer

After State Conference

- ☐ Download scorecards
- ☐ Submit Intent to Enter for NLSC
- ☐ Fill out the post-conference survey

PART 2: PREPARING FOR COMPETITION

Eligibility Requirements

Regional, state, and national SkillsUSA competitors must:

- Register and submit membership online in the correct division and CTE program before competition registration or February 1, whichever comes first.
- Pay membership dues by March 1.
- Register for the event according to the published event guide and deadlines.
- Meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the contest Technical Standards.

For complete eligibility rules, see the [State General Regulations](#).

Technical Standards

The Technical Standards are the primary source of information for contests, including eligibility, standards and competencies to be measured, uniform requirements, tool/supply lists, written exam information, team size, and other details. Students and teachers can access the standards online through SkillsUSA Pathful with a SkillsUSA membership.

Once you join as a professional member at register.skillsusa.org, you'll receive an email with instructions on accessing your account on Pathful. If you experience any issues, please contact our Customer Care Team at 844-875-4557.

Contest Updates

If a state or regional contest differs from the national technical standards, or if advance information would benefit contestants, we may publish a Contest Update or provide it to advisors.

- **Regional:** Check with your Regional Coordinator.
- **State:** <https://www.skillsusafl.org/updates>. Check regularly for supply lists, contest information, and other details. If no update is posted, refer to the Technical Standards. State Updates will begin posting in September, with the bulk of updates in January and February.
- **National:** <https://updates.skillsusa.org>. Updates will begin posting as early as the fall. Most updates will be posted in March, April, and May, with no updates posted after May 31. Be sure to check this page regularly.

Competition Attire Expectations and Exceptions

Each contest is assigned a clothing classification, which is available in the Technical Standards on SkillsUSA Pathful. Official contest attire must be purchased from skillsusastore.org.

- **Regional:** Standing exceptions are provided; Check with your Regional Coordinator for more information.
- **State:** Standing exceptions are outlined in the [State General Regulations](#). Contact the state office for any additional needs. A T-shirt is provided as competition attire for contestants in Transportation and Construction competitions.
- **National:** Official contest attire is required, as outlined in the Technical Standards. Standing exceptions are not granted.

Resumes

All contests, including middle school contests, require a resume submission.

- **Regional:** Bring a hard copy of your resume to the contest.
- **State:** Detailed instructions will be available in the SLSC27 Conference Guide in November. Additional uploads may be required; refer to the [State Contest Updates](#) for more information.
- **National:** Upload your resume before the competition. Additional uploads may be required; refer to the Technical Standards and [National Contest Updates](#) for more information.

Written Exams

Generally, each competition requires two written exams: a technical assessment and a professional development test.

- **Regional:** Check with your Regional Coordinator.
- **State:** Most exams are taken online before the conference. Testing credentials and instructions are provided to registered contestants and their advisors. All exams must be proctored and completed within the designated time frame. Failure to complete an exam will result in a zero score.
 - **Professional Development Assessment** - All registered competitors will complete the Professional Development Assessment as a scored component of the state contests. For the Action Skills, Community Action Project, and Employment Application Process, the Professional Development test will be used only as a tiebreaker. A study guide is available on the state Contest Updates page at skillsusafl.org/updates.
 - **Technical Assessments** - Most contests require a technical assessment related to the competition's technical knowledge. Refer to the Technical Standards for covered topics and/or suggested study materials. A study guide is not provided for technical assessments.
- **National:** The professional development assessment is taken online in advance and is a scored component. Limited technical assessments are taken online in advance; most are completed onsite.

PART 3: CONTEST DIRECTORY

Official Contest List and Tentative Schedule

CONTEST	DAY		DIVISION(S)			TEAM?	REGIONAL QUALIFIER?	ADVANCE TO NLSC?	SPECIAL NEEDS?
	TUES 4/27	WED 4/28	MS	HS	CPS				
3-D Visualization and Animation	YES	X	YES	YES	YES	Team of 2	X	YES	X
Action Skills	YES	X	YES	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	YES
Additive Manufacturing	YES	X	YES	YES	YES	Team of 2	X	YES	X
Advertising Design	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
American Spirit	X	YES	YES	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Architectural Drafting	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Audio Production	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Team of 2	X	YES	X
Automated Manufacturing Technology	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Team of 3	X	YES	X
Automobile Maintenance and Light Repair	YES	X	X	YES	X	Individual	YES	YES	X
Automotive Refinishing Technology	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Individual	YES	YES	X
Automotive Service Technology	X	YES	X	YES	YES	Individual	YES	YES	X
Baking and Pastry Arts - High School	X	YES	X	YES	X	Individual	YES	YES	X
Baking and Pastry Arts - Postsecondary	YES	X	X	X	YES	Individual	YES	YES	X
Barbering	X	YES	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Basic Health Care Skills	X	YES	X	YES	X	Individual	X	YES	X
Cabinetmaking	X	YES	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Career and Technical Educator (Demonstration)	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Career Pathways Showcase	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Team of 3	X	YES	X
Carpentry	X	YES	X	YES	YES	Individual	YES	YES	X
Chapter Business Procedure	X	YES	X	YES	YES	Team of 6	X	YES	X
Chapter Display	X	YES	YES	YES	YES	Team of 3	X	YES	X

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CNC: 2-Axis Turning Programmer 3-Axis Milling Programmer 5-Axis Milling Programmer Programmer	X	YES	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Collision Damage Appraisal	X	YES	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Collision Repair Technology	X	YES	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Commercial Roofing	X	YES	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Commercial sUAS Drone Technology	X	YES	YES	YES	YES	Team of 2	X	YES	X
Community Action Project	X	YES	YES	YES	YES	Team of 2	X	YES	YES
Community Service	X	YES	YES	YES	YES	Team of 3	X	YES	X
Computer Programming	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Cosmetology - High School	X	YES	X	YES	X	Individual	X	YES	X
Cosmetology - Postsecondary	YES	X	X	X	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Cosmetology Quiz Bowl	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Team of 3-5	X	X	X
Crime Scene Investigation	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Team of 3	X	YES	X
Criminal Justice	X	YES	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Culinary Arts - High School	YES	X	X	YES	X	Individual	X	YES	X
Culinary Arts - Postsecondary	X	YES	X	X	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Culinary Quiz Bowl	X	YES	X	YES	YES	Team of 3-5	X	X	X
Customer Service	YES	YES	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Cyber Security	X	YES	X	YES	YES	Team of 2	X	YES	X
Diesel Equipment Technology	YES	YES	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Digital Cinema Production	X	YES	X	YES	YES	Team of 2	X	YES	X
Early Childhood Education	YES	YES	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Electrical Construction Wiring	YES	YES	X	YES	YES	Individual	YES	YES	X
Electronics Technology	X	YES	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Emergency Medical Technician	X	YES	X	YES	YES	Team of 2	X	YES	X
Employment Application Process	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	YES

CONTEST	DAY		DIVISION(S)			TEAM?	REGIONAL QUALIFIER?	ADVANCE TO NLSC?	SPECIAL NEEDS?
	TUES 4/27	WED 4/28	MS	HS	CPS				
Engineering Technology and Design	X	YES	YES	YES	YES	Team of 3	X	YES	X
Entrepreneurship	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Team of 4	X	YES	X
Esthetics	YES	YES	X	YES	YES	Individual , Model	X	YES	X
Extemporaneous Speaking	X	YES	YES	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Facilithon	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Firefighting	X	YES	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
First Aid-CPR	X	YES	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Graphic Imaging Sublimation	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Hair Weave	X	YES	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	X	X
Health Knowledge Bowl	X	YES	X	YES	YES	Team of 4	X	YES	X
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration	X	YES	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Industrial Motor Control	YES	YES	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Information Technology Services	X	YES	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Interactive Application and Video Game Development	X	YES	YES	YES	YES	Team of 3	X	YES	X
Internet of Things and Smart Home	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Internetworking	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Job Interview - Middle School, College/Postsecondary	X	YES	YES	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Job Interview - High School	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Job Skill Demonstration A - Middle School/College, Postsecondary	YES	X	YES	X	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Job Skill Demonstration A - High School	X	YES	X	YES	X	Individual	X	YES	X
Job Skill Demonstration B	X	YES	YES	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Marine Service Technology	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Masonry	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X

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	TUES 4/27	WED 4/28	MS	HS	CPS				
Mechatronics	X	YES	X	YES	YES	Team of 2	X	YES	X
Medical Assisting	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Medical Math	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Medical Terminology	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Mobile Robotics Technology	X	YES	YES	YES	YES	Team of 2	X	YES	X
MRE Challenge	X	YES	YES	YES	YES	Team of 2	X	X	X
Nail Care	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Individual , Model	X	YES	X
Nurse Assisting	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Occupational Health and Safety	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Opening and Closing Ceremonies	YES	X	YES	YES	YES	Team of 7	X	YES	X
Outstanding Chapter	YES	X	YES	YES	YES	Team of 3	X	YES	X
Photography	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Pin Design	YES	X	YES	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Plumbing	X	YES	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Power Equipment Technology	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Practical Nursing	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Prepared Speech	YES	X	YES	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Principles of Engineering Technology	X	YES	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Promotional Bulletin Board	YES	X	YES	YES	YES	Team of 3	X	YES	X
Promotional Poster	YES	X	YES	YES	YES	Team of 2	X	X	YES
Quiz Bowl	X	YES	YES	YES	YES	Team of 5-7	X	YES	X
Related Technical Math	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Residential and Commercial Appliance Technology	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	X	X
Restaurant Service	YES	X	X	YES	YES	Individual	X	YES	X
Robotics and Automation Technology	X	YES	X	YES	YES	Team of 2	X	YES	X
Robotics: Urban Search and Rescue	YES	X	YES	YES	YES	Team of 2	X	YES	X

Definitions

- **Regional Qualifier** - contests that will require a regional competition to advance to the state contest. Each region may add additional contests, as needed. Check with your Regional Coordinator for information.
- **Advance to NLSC** - indicates if a contest has a corresponding national event. State gold medalists in these contests are invited to compete at the national competition (NLSC).
- **Special Needs Contest** - contests require an eligibility letter from the appropriate school official on school letterhead stating that the competitor is classified under the provisions of Public Law 105-17, Individuals with Disabilities Act, 1997. Only the letter is required for participation; students and advisors should not submit IEP or 504 documents.
- **Demonstration Contest** - contests that are under consideration to become an official SkillsUSA Championships event. Participation in a demonstration contest at the national level is by invitation only. Competitors receive prizes and medals, same as official competitions.

State Competitions Under Consideration

The contests below are under consideration for the upcoming year. Schools interested in competing in these events should contact the state office before December 1, 2026. Interested schools should be willing to help establish connections with business and industry partners to support competitions long-term.

- Aviation Maintenance Technology
- Dental Assisting

PART 4: RESULTS, REVIEWS, AND POLICIES

General Rules and Regulations

The General Regulations provide information for all contests regarding eligibility requirements, tiebreakers, written exams, team policies, hazardous materials policies, and other general contest regulations. Each level of competition (regional/state and national) has separate governing documents.

- **Regional and State:**

<https://www.skillsusafl.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/State-General-Regulations-2026-2027.pdf>

- **National:** <https://skillsusa.egnyte.com/dl/cU5nXh93ER>

Scoring and Results

SkillsUSA judges are volunteers who donate their time and expertise to evaluate students in the competitions and are vital to the success of our competitions. Judges may choose whether to share names, contact information, or other specific details. Advisors may not contact the judges to discuss scores. All participants are expected to behave professionally and show respect at SkillsUSA events. Inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated. Judges' decisions are final, and individual feedback is not available. Contestants are judged against a set of criteria, not each other.

Viewing Scorecards

- **Regional:** Scorecards may be available online; check with your Regional Coordinator.
- **State:** Scorecards are posted online within 1-2 weeks of the Closing Ceremony. Visit scores.skillsusa.org and enter the contestant number and date of birth to view detailed scorecards.
- **National:** Scorecards are posted online by August 1. Visit scores.skillsusa.org and enter the contestant number and date of birth to view detailed scorecards.

Scoring Reviews

Scoring Reviews must be submitted within 2 weeks of the release of scorecards. Reviews will be considered for clerical errors only - a written test score is omitted; "1" was entered instead of "100"; etc. Reviews will not be considered to contest the judges' decisions or scores. If an error is discovered that affects overall medal standings, the correct medalist will be awarded their rightful medal. A medal will never be removed from a student once it is awarded. If the gold medalist is affected, NLSC invitations may be adjusted. To request a scoring review, complete this form: <https://form.jotform.com/223325090009042>.

Grievances

A Grievance can be filed for an issue that violates the official contest rules or general regulations.

- **Regional and State:** A copy of the Grievance form and policy is available on our website to review in advance. Grievances are due by 6 PM ET on the day of the perceived violation.
 - **Submit a Grievance online:** <https://form.jotform.com/251054179717056>
- **National:** The grievance policy will be shared during the NLSC Virtual Orientation Meeting.

Contest Feedback

In the spirit of continuous improvement, please complete this form at any time to provide constructive feedback.

While optional, please include your contact information for follow-up: <https://form.jotform.com/232214781068152>

PART 5: COMPETITION FAQ

Membership and Eligibility

WHO SHOULD REGISTER FOR MEMBERSHIP?

Schools are always encouraged to register more students for membership than are planning to compete, especially if they plan to participate in team events. Substitutions may only be made with qualified SkillsUSA members who meet the eligibility criteria for the contest AND are registered as members by February 1 of the program year. Review the eligibility requirements for each division and ensure students are registered correctly.

Remember: the benefits of SkillsUSA participation extend beyond competition! Don't forget to register any Courtesy Corps members, Regional or State Officer candidates, and any other student looking to access leadership opportunities for membership!

WHAT IS THE MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE?

SkillsUSA student members must be registered as members by February 1 of the program year to be eligible for competition. This includes any potential substitutions in team competitive events and Courtesy Corps members. Regional competitions also require membership to register; check with your regional coordinator for deadlines.

Rare exceptions to the February 1 deadline are granted on a case-by-case basis and require documentation of the student's involvement with the chapter throughout the program year.

WHAT CONTESTS ARE STUDENTS ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN?

Leadership and Occupational competitions are open to any trade area or CTE program. For technical contests, students must be enrolled in courses that meet the career objective outlined in the Technical Standards within the current program year. For example, a student competing in Welding must be currently enrolled in a Welding program. If the student took Welding in the previous school year and is currently enrolled in Culinary, they would not be eligible for the Welding competition, but would be eligible for the Culinary contest.

Competition-Related Questions

HOW MANY CONTESTS CAN STUDENTS COMPETE IN?

Students can compete in one state-level competition. They are eligible to compete in the same event at the national competition, provided they win a gold medal in that event or are otherwise invited to compete.

HOW CAN I PROPOSE A NEW COMPETITION?

To request an addition, complete [this form](#) no later than December 1 of the program year. Contests will be considered based on a combination of competitor interest and industry support.

Team Events

WHAT ABOUT TEAM EVENTS?

Team events require a designated number of members. A full team must be registered for competition, and all team members must be from the same division. Penalties may be assessed for competing with less than a full team. The State General Rules and Regulations provide more details on team requirements and penalties.

WHAT IF A TEAM MEMBER DROPS OUT BEFORE COMPETITION?

We always suggest having additional members registered who can step in and join the competition team in case of a last-minute issue or emergency. Substitutions are accepted until 1 week before the start of the competition using this link: <https://form.jotform.com/240994041296158>

In the case of a last-minute emergency, notify the state office as soon as possible to inquire about an exception. If the state office is not notified, the team may be penalized for the number of missing members.

Scorecards and Scoring Reviews

HOW CAN I SEE MY SCORECARD?

Check out [Part 4: Results, Reviews, and Policies](#) for more information.

WHAT IF I DISCOVER A SCORING ERROR?

Check out [Part 4: Results, Reviews, and Policies](#) for more information