

Horticulture/ Landscape Design State Contest Information

Tentative: Info is Subject to Change Check Back Often

Date, Time and Location

Conference registration will be held upstairs in the Cox Convention Center in Tulsa on Sunday, April 23rd between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. One advisor/instructor from each school will need to confirm conference participants previously registered and pick up conference programs, delegate ribbons, etc. Contestants will be given their name badge upon check-in at the contest area. The Horticulture contest will be held at Southwood Nursery this year on Monday April 24, 2023, located at 9025 S Lewis Ave, Tulsa, OK 74137. All contestants need to be in the contest area at 8:00 a.m. for the contestant briefing prior to the start of the competition. Be sure that all students have their conference badges.

For additional information about the requirements for this contest please contact Kara Murphy at (405) 659-3427. Study guide for horticulture and scoring rubrics can be obtained from Kara Murphy at Mid-America Technology Center.

Contestant Resumes

All contestants will be required to submit a one page, typed resume. If any contestant does not submit a resume to the contest chair, penalty points will be assessed. All contest information/guidelines are located on the SkillsUSA website.

Contest Overview

Instructions for the Horticulture/ Landscape Design contest. The following items have been included in this document.

- Horticulture/ Landscape Design State Contest Information
- Horticulture/ Landscape Design Contest Rules
- Plant Identification
- Nursery Technician State Competency Exam
- Landscape Design Layout with Design Scenario
- Client Pitch

Contest Location

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Awards Ceremony

Contest winners will be recognized during the Awards Assembly at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 25th in the Tulsa Convention Center. Official SkillsUSA attire is required. According to the SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards- clothing requirements are as follows: "*For men:* SkillsUSA official attire: Official red blazer or jacket, black dress slacks, white dress shirt, plain black tie with no pattern or SkillsUSA tie, black socks and black shoes. *For women:* Official red blazer or jacket, black dress slacks or skirt, with businesslike white, collarless blouse or white blouse with small, plain collar that may not extend onto the lapels of the blazer, black sheer or skin-tone hose and black shoes." Any contest winner who is not in official SkillsUSA attire will not be permitted on

stage. The student will be escorted behind the stage to receive his or her medallion and awards. The awards ceremony is the “**Showcase**” of our state conference, and many industry guests and VIPs are invited to present medallions and honor our students. **NO HATS ARE TO BE WORN DURING THE AWARDS CEREMONY.**

Clothing Requirements On the day of the skills competition, all students will be required to wear appropriate clothing representative of their occupation.

Industry Awards

All industry awards should be clearly marked so that they will not get mixed up with other contests. Industry awards need to be labeled with the name and address of the award supplier and taken to the contest chair the day of the skill contest. Industry awards need to be coordinated through the contest chair and properly labeled as secondary or post-secondary. **ALL INSTRUCTORS PARTICIPATING IN THE STATE CONTEST SHOULD BRING AT LEAST TWO INDUSTRY AWARDS PER REGISTERED CONTESTANT.**

IDENTIFICATION

40 plants will be selected from the provided Plant List.

Each Plant will be worth 2 points each.

SkillsUSA
Horticulture/ Landscape Design Contest Rules
READ EACH ITEM CAREFULLY!

Skills USA Horticulture/ Landscape Design Performance

1. ALL students competing must be paid SkillsUSA members.
2. Official SkillsUSA wear is not required, but students are to be dressed in a professional manner.
3. The purpose of the contest is to promote the development of basic skills in the Landscape industry.
4. Contestants will be known by number only, no reference to school or personal name is allowed.
5. Contestants will need to supply their own drawing tools for the landscaping skill component of the Horticulture Contest. (Circle template, T-square, Triangle, pencils, eraser and ruler etc.).
6. Contestants are allowed a 6" x 9" Steno Notebook with basic plant information. (NO LARGER)
6. All work is to be done by the individual contestant. There is to be no talking while contest is taking place.
7. Judges are leading professional in their respective field.

CONTEST WILL CONSIST OF FOUR PARTS

1. Nursery Technician State Competency Exam and PDP knowledge tests will be taken on-line at each school during late March or early April. Each contestant will print off the results page and bring that page to State Contest with them.
2. Plant ID (Note: Plants will come from the National Landscape approved list).
3. Landscape Design Skill. Students will be given a residential plot plan and asked to choose plants from the provided Plant List included to properly landscape the area. Plants should be drawn to scale using drawing tools provided by each student. Contestants will have 2-3 hours to complete the design. Contestants may bring their plant list. (See Attachment).
4. Client Pitch: Contestants will present their design to the judges and explain their ideas and why they selected the materials that they did.

1. Identification of Nursery & Landscape Outdoor Plants.

Plants will be from the approved list provided by the National Landscape Association

Identify Annuals

Identify Perennials

Identify Shrubs

Identify Trees

