

# Horticulture/ Landscape Design State Contest Information

**Tentative: Info is Subject to Change Check Back Often**

## **Date, Time and Location**

The Horticulture contest will be held at Southwood Nursery this year on Monday April 22nd, 2024, 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 Pictures
- Horticulture General Knowledge Study Guide
- Landscape Design Layout with Design Scenario
- Landscape Plant Price List

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## **Awards Ceremony**

Contest winners will be recognized during the Awards Assembly at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23rd 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

50 plants from the approved list provided in the Oklahoma Proven Plant List. The plant list can be found on the following website: <http://oklahomaproven.okstate.edu/>

Each Plant will be worth 2 points each.

## 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 Horticulture 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 templet, T-square, Triangle, drawing 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 "Oklahoma Proven website").
3. Landscape Design Skill. Students will be given a residential plot plan and asked to choose plants from the Oklahoma Proven Plant List included to properly landscape the area. Plants should be drawn to scale using drawing tools provided by each student. Contestants will have 90 minutes to complete the design. Contestants may bring their plant list. (See Attachment).
4. Plant price list for the landscape design skill. The contestant will have to figure up the total amount sent for the design skill for plant material. The budget for each design will be \$10,000.00. (Points will be deducted from the score if contestant has gone over the budget or for incorrect math.)

\*Please note that there are three (3) separate design layouts with a different design scenario attached to each design layout. One (1) contest design will be chosen the morning of the contest by a state career tech official, not beforehand.

#### 1. Landscape Design Drawing

All three (3) blue prints with the design scenarios will be posted on the Oklahoma Career Tech website 2 weeks before the contest to practice landscaping the house. Do not bring the finished design to the contest. Ninety minutes will be allowed to draw the landscape.

Use the "Family Needs and Request Sheet" to design the landscape. Contestant can bring a copy of the "Nursery Outdoor Plant Identification List" with the following: common name, botanical name, and height. The plant key will be put at the bottom of the plan and must be lettered neatly. Plant material used in the design must come from the below mentioned list. Bring your own drafting tools. Plans will be given back to the student after the contest is finished and scores recorded. A hardcopy plan will be sent to each teacher.

## **2. Identification of Nursery Outdoor Plants.**

Plants will be from the I.D. sheets of Outdoor Plants from the "*Oklahoma Proven Website*"

**<http://oklahomaproven.okstate.edu/>**. *The plants will be selected from 1999 to 2017.* The students will have at least 30 seconds per plant.

### **3. Identify Annuals**

### **4. Identify Perennials**

### **5. Identify Shrubs**

### **6. Identify Trees**