

2025 Masonry State Contest Memo

NO SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025. THERE WILL BE NO SUBSTITUTIONS ALLOWED ON-SITE AT THE CONFERENCE

Date, Time and Location

The 2025 State SkillsUSA Masonry contest will be held on April 28th. Contestant orientation will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. in the Arvest Convention Center Masonry contest area.

Set up will be on Sunday, April 27th and any and all assistance will be appreciated. If you will be able to assist, please contact Greg Neely at 405-743-5147. All contestant materials will need to be unloaded on Sunday April 27th by 4:30 p.m. in the convention center masonry contest area.

- Sunday, April 28th, 2025 at 5pm meet in the Masonry contest area for industry tour.
- Sunday, April 27th, 2025, a meal sponsored by Oklahoma AGC and the Tulsa Homebuilder's Association from 6:00-7:30 p.m. will be held at Baxter's Grill, 717 S Houston Ste 100, Tulsa, OK 74127
- Monday April 28th, 2025, there will be a meeting and breakfast from 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. in the Aaronson room at the Tulsa Central Library East of the Arvest Convention Center which is also being sponsored by the Tulsa Homebuilders Association and AGC Oklahoma.

Contest Chairman, Merritt (Bud) Johnson and Carson Wann of Quikrete, will pick up contest materials at the Arvest Convention Center on Sunday, April 27th.

On April 28th contest chairman and judges will need to report to the Arvest Convention Center at 8:00 a.m. to prepare for contestant briefing.

CONTEST TESTING

Contestants will be judged on their SkillsUSA knowledge through Professional Development test and knowledge tests. Testing will be completed online and proctored through their technology centers. Online testing opens March 14, 2025, and closes April 4, 2025. Contests will follow national contest standards and will only be used in case of a tie breaker

RESUME- Change to submission type please for 2025 please read

All contestants will submit a digital resume prior to contest day. Contestants will receive an email to the address used to register the contestant for contest with instructions and link to access the SkillsUSA Competitor Portal page. The email will contain contestant's username and contestant number, which are required to login to the Competitor Portal.

Deadline to submit resume is April 22, 2025. If any contestant does not submit a resume penalty point will be assessed.

Lunch

Lunch should be provided the day of the competition.

Rules and Regulations

We will follow the national rules, regulations, and contest content as closely as possible. We want our contestants to be prepared to compete at the national level. All contestants will be required to assist in the clean-up following the judging.

CELLPHONES AND OTHER SMART DEVICES

Cellphones, electronic watches and/or other electronic devices not approved by a competition's technical committee are NOT allowed in the competition area,

Clothing Requirements

April 28th, the day of the skills competition, all students will be required to wear appropriate clothing representative of their occupation. **Safety glasses** are always required while in the contest area. Contestants should not wear clothing that has school or name identification visible to the judges. Those contestants wearing program uniforms will need to cover all identifying patches. Points will be deducted if students are not wearing these items during the entire contest time period.

On Tuesday, April 29th, all contestants are required to wear the official SkillsUSA attire.

Item 5 – Industry Awards

All Masonry industry awards should be clearly marked so that they will not get mixed up with the carpentry, cabinetmaking or Teamworks contests. Industry awards need to be labeled with the name and address of the award supplier. Awards check-in at the Arvest Convention Center, in Conference Hall across from Exhibit Hall A on Sunday, April 27th between 12pm-4pm and Monday, April 28th between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00pm.

ALL INSTRUCTORS PARTICIPATING IN THE STATE CONTEST SHOULD BRING AT LEAST ONE INDUSTRY AWARDS PER REGISTERED CONTESTANT IF YOU ARE PERMITTED BY YOUR ADMINISTRATION.

AWARDS CEREMONY

Winners will be recognized at the General Session on Tuesday morning, April 29th, at 9am at the Arvest Convention Center in the Grand Hall.

All competitors must wear official SkillsUSA dress to the Awards Session, where winners are announced. Competitors who are not dressed appropriately or lack official attire will be denied access to the awards stage. Students must be present when their contest is announced. If a student is improperly dressed, absent, or misses their contest being called, the production will not be paused for any reason, and they will forfeit their opportunity to go on stage to receive the award. No exceptions will be made. No hats or sunglasses will be allowed to be worn on stage.

- Official dress for men: Official blazer, jacket or sweater; black dress slacks; white dress shirt; plain black tie with no pattern or SkillsUSA black tie; black socks and black shoes.
- Official dress for women: Official blazer, jacket or sweater; black dress slacks or knee-length skirt with business like white, collarless blouse or white blouse with small, plain collar that may not extend onto the lapels of the blazer, and black dress shoes

ONLY THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PLACE WINNERS WILL BE GOING ON THE STAGE. This will mirror what takes place during the National SkillsUSA Awards Ceremony. All winners (1st – 3rd only) must have their conference badges in order to pick up their industry prizes following the conclusion of the awards ceremony.

Item 7 – Tools and Supplies

Tools and Equipment

- a. **Safety glasses or goggles (To be worn at all times while in the contest area)**
- b. **Hard hat (not optional)**
- c. 1 - trowel
- d. 2 levels (1 - 4 foot and 1 - 2 foot)
- e. 1 - "S" jointer
- f. 1 - brick hammer
- g. 1 - modular spacing rule
- h. 1 - tool bag or toolbox
- i. 1 - pencils and/or soapstone
- j. 1 - framing square
- k. 1 – speed square
- l. 1 – torpedo level (optional)
- m. 1 - brush
- n. 1 - brick chisel
- o. 1 - tuck-point trowel
- p. 1 - piece of carpet or rubber mat for cutting brick
- q. Chalk box (optional)
- r. Broom and dustpan (**Not optional**)