

2026 Oklahoma SLSC State MEMO Welding & Welding Fabrication

NO SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026

THERE WILL BE NO SUBSTITUTIONS ALLOWED ON-SITE AT THE CONFERENCE

DATE AND LOCATION

The 2026 State SkillsUSA Welding Skill Championships will be held on Sunday, April 19th, and Monday, April 20th at the Pipeliners Union Local 798 Training Facility (4823 S. 83rd E. Ave. Tulsa, OK 74145). Instructors need to arrive with their students at 11:30 am., sharp the morning of the 19th.

Parking and entrance will be on the EAST side of the facility (Down the hill and outback behind the facility). This is a two-day contest: Sunday afternoon and Monday. A schedule identifying when students will compete (Sunday or Monday) will be provided. This will help arrange transportation and ensure students are on site at the appropriate time.

The contestant meeting will be for all contestants whether they are competing on Sunday or Monday.

CONTEST TESTING

Contestants will be judged on their SkillsUSA knowledge through the Professional Development test and knowledge test for contest specific information. Testing will be completed online and proctored through their technology centers. Online testing opens March 16, 2026, and closes April 3, 2026.

RESUME

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 8th, 2026.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from the contest site must be provided by the instructor or other school officials. There **will not** be any shuttles provided at any time during this conference.

DINNER and LUNCH

Provided by Bennett Steel, Thank you Dave Bennett

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS

As in the past, skill contestants will not be penalized for not adhering to national clothing requirements. Contestants should **not** wear clothing that has their name or school identification visible to the judges. Any contestants wearing program uniforms will need to cover all identifying patches/labels/tags. **Safety equipment is mandatory. Clothing must be clean. SAFETY GLASSES MUST BE WORN BY ALL PERSONS IN THE CONTEST AREA.** TOM WATERS ARE NOT SAFETY GLASSES, SIDE SHIELDS MUST BE WORN– This is a requirement from the 798 Pipeliner's Union Safety Procedures.

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. Please follow the guidelines in each technical standard for approved exceptions. Technical committee members may also approve exceptions onsite during the SkillsUSA Championships if deemed appropriate.

AWARDS CEREMONY

Winners will be recognized at the General Session on Tuesday morning, April 21st, 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.

INDUSTRY AWARDS

Prizes are the responsibility of the individual contests. Prizes are not guaranteed and are not supplied at the SkillsUSA Oklahoma state level.

Instructor assistance is needed to obtain industry awards for the Welding and Welding Fabrication contest winners. **Awards will be contingent on what instructors bring.**

Industry awards should be labeled with the name and address of the award supplier so that an appropriate "Thank you" may be sent, must be accompanied by an industry award donation information sheet (available on the Oklahoma SkillsUSA website). Please bring prizes to the industry awards area at the Arvest Convention Center Conference Hall, Sunday, April 19th between 12-4pm or Monday, April 20th between 8am-4pm.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The winning contestant will represent Oklahoma SkillsUSA National Conference. Therefore, the national rules, regulations, and contest content will be followed as closely as possible. The desire is to have the Oklahoma contestants prepared to compete at the national level.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE GEAR REQUIREMENTS, TOOLS, and MATERIALS LIST

Both the Welding and Welding Fab contests have specific tools and materials listed in the contest packets. If any updates are needed, instructors will be contacted directly. Face shield are required for some processes if hoods don't have flip front or speed change lens.

**State Welding Contest Agenda
Pipeliners Union Local 798- Training Facility
4823 S. 83rd East Ave
Tulsa, OK**

April 19th- Sunday

12:00-12:30pm Registration- Orientation Meeting- Materials Checkout (All Contestants Attend)

12:30- 1:00 pm Contestants at their stations

1:00 pm **Contest starts:**

Contestants need to be wearing their registration numbers. Contestants need to be ready to cut and weld at this time. Contestants should not go to a booth or cutting area until they are instructed to do so by a judge or Planning Committee Member. Welding Fab will have 4 hours to complete their project.

6:50 pm Last Welding Station Complete

7:00 pm Clean up and Finish for day 1

April 20th- Monday

Contest continues: Pipeliners Union Local 798 Training Facility

7:30 am Materials Checkout and Tack-Up

8:00 am **Contest starts:**

Contestants need to be wearing their registration numbers. Contestants need to be ready to cut and weld at this time. Contestants should not go to a booth or cutting area until they are instructed to do so by a judge or Planning Committee Member. Welding Fab will have 4 hours to complete their project.

1:50 pm Last Welding Station Complete

2:00 pm Clean Up Facility – Contest Over

All contestants help clean up after the competition is completed.

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NOTES & RULES:

- Contestants **will not** be allowed to have a **mobile phone** in their possession during the contest. Contestants should leave them with the instructor
- Only authorized personnel are allowed in the contest area before and during the contest. Instructors are prohibited from all designated contest areas and are not allowed to provide any type of assistance to contestants during the contest.
- Instructors will be required to stay in the downstairs breakroom or the parking lot around their vehicle. Instructors in the breakroom should not communicate with the students through the glass.
- Instructors will not be permitted to go around the back of the training facility and wait near the doors or within earshot of the contestants.
- Welding Fab contestants will be allowed to have grinders but will follow project guidelines for permitted applications.
- It is very important to weld out the project according to welding procedures. Contestants that do not weld the project according to the procedure will not receive points for that weld.
- Proctors will be inspecting your weld positions/procedures as you go and judges will be judging the outcomes.

