
Automotive Refinishing Technology State Contest 2026

NO SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER MARCH 27th, 2026. THERE WILL BE NO SUBSTITUTIONS ALLOWED ON-SITE AT THE CONFERENCE*

*Contest will follow national technical standards unless otherwise stated in the memo.

The 2026 State SkillsUSA Automotive Refinishing Contest will be held on Monday, April 20th and will be held at Tulsa Technology Center – Broken Arrow Campus (4000 W Florence St, Broken Arrow, OK 74011)

CONTEST FEES

In addition to the regular conference registration, there will be a contest supplies fee of \$25.00 per contestant. This charge is to offset the cost of contest supplies. This fee will be added to the contestant's registration when it is completed online.

SETUP

The contest setup is Sunday, April 19th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Tulsa Technology Center - Broken Arrow Campus (4000 W Florence St, Broken Arrow, OK 74011)

CONTEST

The contest sign-in will be from 7:30-8:00 a.m. Orientation Meeting - 8:00 a.m.

LUNCH

Due to the contest schedule, lunch will be provided and will take place at the contest site. \$25.00 fee will be added to registration for lunch.

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. There will be no paper copies accepted on site.

Deadline to submit resume is April 3rd, 2026.

INDUSTRY AWARDS

*****New 2026- Advisor medals will not be provided by Oklahoma SkillsUSA but will be available for purchase in the SkillsUSA store.**

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

Prize Committee chairperson is Clint Drabek (cdrabek@francistuttle.edu). Please contact the chair with prizes that will need to be checked in. Each participating school is expected to furnish an industry award. 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) and be brought to the awards area in the Conference Hall at the Arvest Business Center on Sunday, April 19th between 12:00 & 4:00 or Monday April 20th, 2026 between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 PM.

AWARDS CEREMONY

Winners will be recognized at the General Session on Tuesday morning, April 21st, 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 **completely black dress 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 **completely black dress shoes**.

TOOLS AND SUPPLIES

Each contestant will need to bring the following:

Safety glasses
#2 Pencil

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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions about the contest, please contact the program specialist, Phillip Bueno (pbueno@careertech.ok.gov) or The contest chair (Brian.Buford@tulsatech.edu).