

# 2026 Oklahoma SLSC State MEMO Job Readiness

Tentative- Info is subject to change, check back often

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

\*Please double-check all registrations prior to the deadline. This includes secondary versus postsecondary as well as contests\*

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

## **Item 1 – Date, Time and Location**

All Job Readiness skill contests Building Maintenance and Maintenance contests will be held at Tulsa Technology Center – Lemley Campus on Monday April 20<sup>th</sup> and will begin at 8:00 a.m. All Job Readiness leadership contests (Job Interview, Prepared Speech and Financial Fitness will be held on Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>. All instructors need to contact Jimmy Gilstrap at [turfmanagement@papajims.org](mailto:turfmanagement@papajims.org) or 918-797-0603. Students will be directed to the appropriate contest locations.

## **State Job Readiness Contests**

- [Building Maintenance](#)
- [Cake Decorating](#)
- [Carpet Maintenance](#)
- [Culinary Arts Grill](#)
- [Financial Fitness](#)
- [Floral Design, Job Readiness](#)
- [Grounds Equipment Operation](#)
- [Hard Surface Maintenance](#)
- [Horticulture, Job Readiness](#)
- [Job Interview, Job Readiness](#)

- [Laundry Sorting and Folding](#)
- [Low-Speed Buffing](#)
- [Mechanical](#) (open to all SkillsUSA members)
- [Prepared Speech, Job Readiness](#)
- [Sandwich Making](#)
- [Small Engine Parts ID - Parts doc 2](#)
- [Standard Riding Mower](#)
- [Table Setting](#)
- [Tool Identification - Tool Identification Study Guide](#)
- [Welding, Job Readiness](#)
- [Zero Turning Radius Mower](#)

**Job Readiness contestants will be required to submit a 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.

**Item 2 – Transportation**

All instructors will need to make arrangements for transporting their students to and from the contest site.

**Item 3 – Testing for all students**

Job Readiness contestants will take the **Professional Development Test** and any related contest tests where applicable. Written testing will be open from Mar 16 - Apr 3, 2026, for all contests that have written tests (Not all of the Job Readiness contest will have required written testing).

**Item 4 – Rules and Regulations**

Guidelines and rating sheets followed during regional contests and published on the Oklahoma Careertech website: <https://www.okskillsusa.org/>

The contestants are required to bring personal safety equipment. All supplies and equipment will be supplied. If a contestant would like to bring their personal equipment they will be allowed to use them in their specific contest(s).

The following events will take place at Tulsa Technology Center /Lemley Campus on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as part of the Oklahoma SkillsUSA State Conference

Building Maintenance	Zero Turn Radius
Carpet Maintenance	JR Horticulture
Financial Fitness	Low Speed Buffing
JR Floral Design	<b>Mechanical</b>
Ground Equipment Operation	Small Engine Parts ID
Tool Identification	
Hard Surface Maintenance	JR Welding
Laundry Sorting and Folding	JR Prepared Speech
Cake Decorating	Table Settings
Standard Mower	
Sandwich Making	
Culinary Arts Grill	
Job Interview	

### **Item 5 – Lunch**

Contact Jimmy Gilstrap at [turfmanagement@papajims.org](mailto:turfmanagement@papajims.org) or 918-797-0603  
Lunch will not be provided.

### **Item 6 – Industry Awards**

Job Readiness and Action Skills winners are announced as part of the opening general session on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Industry Awards will not be supplied for these contest winners (this decision was made by the instructors during the 2000 Mid-Winter Conference).

### **Item 7 – Awards Ceremony**

Contest winners for the Building Maintenance and Mechanical contests will be recognized at the Awards Session on Tuesday morning April 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m., Leadership Contests and Job Readiness Awards will be recognized Monday night April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Arvest Convention Center 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 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

**\*\*\*NEW 2026- ADVISOR MEDALS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY OKLAHOMA SKILLSUSA, BUT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE SKILLSUSA STORE**

### **Item 8 Schedule**

2026 JR. SkillsUSA Contest Locations (Revised 3/4/25)

I got the final registrations from the state department, so the following will be the 2026 contest room assignments and contestant count.

#### **2nd Floor Building (G)**

Holding area for contestant Grouping- 8:00am, contest begin 9:00am Room G-203 (Custodial / Floral/ Horticulture Contest **50 Chairs**), Room G-Lobby (Hospitality Contest **50 Chairs**), Room G-206 (Mechanical/Welding/Tool ID/Small Engine Parts ID /Care of Grounds Contest **55 Chairs**)  
Holding area for Movie 10:00am – 12:00pm-Return to Holding Area Room G-203

#### **Custodial Contest**

Building H, (Room 102) / (Contest area)..... Masonry shop (Holding area)– (Masonry shop and classroom) / (**7 Tables and chairs for judges**)/(23 chairs for contestants)

- (4)** - (Building Maintenance) (co-chair/Shawn Daugherty-405-664-2767)
- Floor Stripping
  - Floor Finishing

- Vacuum Cleaner Maintenance
- Chemical Mixing
- Restroom Cleaning (Oral Presentation)
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- Bonnet Scrubbing (Oral Presentation)
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- Office Cleaning (Building H, Room 102 / Office area )  
(Building H,(Room 102) / Masonry Shop area )
- (9) - Carpet Maintenance—(Co-Chair/Jason Floyed - Francis Tuttel)

(Building H, (Room 102) -Masonry Shop  
(7) - (Low Speed Buffing) — (Co-chair/ Jason Floyed)

(Building H, (Room 102)-Masonry Shop  
(7) - (Hard Surface Maintenance) — (Co Chair/Karen Rogers -High Plains  
Technology Center)

#### Horticulture Contest

(4) – (Job Readiness Horticulture) / Contest area Building H, (room 102)  
Masonry Shop / Holding area - (4-chairs needed) / (No Tables or chairs needed  
for the judge) (Co-Chair, Billy Moore-WWTC)

(9) - (Job Readiness Floral Design) ---- Building (H) (Room 101) / Contest  
area..... Classroom with Refrigerator / Holding area – (No chairs needed) /  
(No-chairs needed for judge) (Co-Chair, Randy Mcgee)

The Leadership Contest will be held (Sunday 4/21/2024) downtown at the Cox  
Convention Center/Tulsa Ballroom -Holding area./(No additional Table or chairs  
needed) CONTEST NOT ON LEMLEY CAMPUS

(4) JR. Prepared Speech, (Co-chair /Shawn Daugherty/ FTTC/405-664-2767)  
(Cox Convention Center/Tulsa ballroom)

(12) Jr. Job Interview, (Co-chair/Shawn Daugherty/ FTTC/ 405-664-2767)  
(Cox Convention Center/Tulsa ballroom)

(7) JR Financial Fitness, (Co-chair/Shawn Daugherty/FTTC/ 405-664-2767)  
(Cox Convention Center/Tulsa ballroom)

### Hospitality /Culinary

Contest Area - /Room G-202 for Laundry sort and fold as well as Table Setting  
/Room F- 204 for Sandwich Making, Culinary Arts Grill and  
Cake Decorating

(No additional tables and chairs will be needed)

(13) JR. Laundry Sorting/Folding , Co-chair - Kari Bailey (FTTC-Rockwell)

(11) JR. Table Setting Co-Chair -Kari Bailey (FTTC-Rockwell)

(8) - Sandwich Making, (Co-chair -Kari Bailey-(FTTC, Rockwell)

(2) – Culinary Arts Grill, (Co-chair -Kari Bailey-(FTTC, Rockwell)

(7) – Cake Decorating, (Co-chair -Kari Bailey-(FTTC, Rockwell)

### Shop Contest

Building (H) (Room 105), HVAC Shop/ Contest Area ..... Classroom /  
Holding area – (No Additional Tables or chairs needed) / No chairs for judges

(6) –Job Readiness Small Engine Parts I.D.

(6) – Job Readiness Tool I. D. /(CO-Chair, Roney Real, AST Instructor/ ICTC)

Building (H) (Room 106), Welding Shop / Contest Area.....Classroom /  
Holding Area – (No additional Tables or chairs needed)

(7) – Job Readiness Welding (Co-Chair/ Clifton Touchstone)

(9) – Mechanical (Co-Chair Steve Bookout - Retired Service Careers Instructor)

- SMAW
- MIG
- Brazing
- Oxy.Gas Cutting
- Small Engine Parts ID

### Care of Grounds Contest

Building H 103 west parking Lot / Contest area .....HVAC 103 / Holding area –  
(27 chairs needed)/

(1 table/ three chairs for judges) (Co- Chair/Jeff Herndon/-CVTC/ 405-642-  
6009/jherndon@cvtech.edu)

(6) – Job Readiness Standard Mower

(9) – Job Readiness ZTR

(8) – Job Readiness Grounds Equipment Operation

Thanks Again.... You guys are Awesome!!!!!!

Let me know if there are any questions or concerns.

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Should additional information be needed, please contact Greg Neely at (405) 743-5147 or  
email at [greg.neely@careertech.ok.gov](mailto:greg.neely@careertech.ok.gov).

## **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**

**National Technical Standards can be found on Pathful, which you can access with your professional SkillsUSA membership. Technicals are updated periodically, please check regularly.**

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