



Prepared Speech State Contest Information

**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.**

DATE AND LOCATION

The 2026 Oklahoma SkillsUSA Prepared Speech contest will be held Sunday, April 19th, 2026, and will be hosted at the Arvest Convention Center, Tulsa, OK. Official check-in and contest location will be published in 2026 SLSC Agenda prior to the conference.

CONTEST TESTING

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

RESUME- Change to submission type please for 2026 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 contestants username and contestant number, which are required to login to the Competitor Portal. If any contestant does not submit a resume, penalty points will be assessed.

Deadline to submit resume is April 3, 2026.

LUNCH

Lunch will not be provided for this contest. Contestants will need to eat prior to contest or can purchase snack type items at the Arvest Convention Center during contest hours while not competing.

Clothing Requirements

Contestants **MUST** wear official SkillsUSA dress attire for contest. A clothing penalty will apply for any deviations from official dress.

CONTEST

Official outline of contest for Prepared Speech can be found/accessed through Pathful. Please read over technical carefully.

Equipment and Materials

1. Supplied by the technical committee:
 - a. Stopwatch
 - b. Timecards
2. Supplied by competitor
 - a. Printed copy of speech to give to chair prior to contest starting.

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AWARDS CEREMONY

Winners will be recognized at the General Session on Monday night, April 20th, at 7pm 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.

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.

For women: Official blazer, jacket or sweater; black dress slacks or knee-length skirt with businesslike 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

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions about the contest, please contact **(insert program specialist and Group Chair contact info here)**.

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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