2026 T-Shirt Design Contest
State Contest Memo

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 T-shirt Design 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 conference.

Contestants must report to the Contest Chairman at the contest area in the *2nd Floor Legacy Hall* at 11:00 a.m.

- **Students (No Advisors) will have from 11:00 a.m. -1 p.m. to set up design displays**. Display set-up is limited to three students per timeslot.

- **Judging and interviews will take place starting at 1:30 p.m.**

Students are encouraged to stay with displays to allow viewers to visit between 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. on Monday, April 28th. *This is a great time to showcase the student's talent and an opportunity for students to talk about their school, instructor, program, and the skills.*

- Displays must be removed between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 20th. SkillsUSA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DISPLAYS WHICH ARE NOT PICKED UP BY 5:00 P.M.

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 Cox 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. Class A: SkillsUSA Official Attire or Class E: Competition Specific — Business Casual allowed.

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.

CONTEST
Official outline of contest found on SkillsUSA T-shirt Design Technical Standard, found/accessed through Absorb.

Equipment and Materials
1. Supplied by the technical committee:
       a. Table space for each display
       b. Timekeeper and judges
       c. All necessary information for the judges and technical committee

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.

If you have any questions, please contact contest chair Andrew Davis at adavis@cvtech.edu

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 supplied at the SkillsUSA Oklahoma state level.

Prize Committee Chairpersons are Andrew Pilcher. 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). **Please bring prizes to the awards area at the Arvest Convention Center Conference Hall Sunday, April 19th between 12-4pm or Monday, April 20th between 8am-4pm.**

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.

SkillsUSA Championship Coordinator- Missy Kaiser missy.kaiser@careertech.ok.gov
SkillsUSA State Advisor- Lauren Holmes lauren.holmes@careertech.ok.gov

Oklahoma SkillsUSA Office: 405-743-5400