

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 20th 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 19th. All instructors need to contact Jimmy Gilstrap at 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 28th, 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	Mechanical
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 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 20th. 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 21st at 9:00 a.m., Leadership Contests and Job Readiness Awards will be recognized Monday night April 20th 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 4/12/26)
Set up contest Sunday 4/19/2026 10:00am - 3:00pm
Contest Monday 4/20/2026 8:00am - 2:00pm

Tim Kemp 918-260-7394 / Michelle Neelly (918-693-3168) , Jesse Robison (918-557-9606)/Leslie Cummings / Sam Ramsey 918-828-1001 or 918-706-1912

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 **35 Chairs**), Room G-Lobby (Hospitality Contest **40 Chairs**), Room G-206 (Mechanical/Welding/Tool ID/Small Engine Parts ID /Care of Grounds Contest **69 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)/(30 chairs for contestants)**

(2) - (Building Maintenance)

(Co-chair/Shawn Daugherty-405-664-2767/shawn.daugherty@francistuttle.edu)

- Floor Stripping (Judge / Steven Duncan-HD Supply/918-202-3715/steven.duncan@hdsupply.com)/Jason Paschall - Spartan Cleaning (jpaschall@spartanchemical.com)
- Floor Finishing (Judge/Steven Duncan-HD Supply/918-202-3715/steve.duncan@hdsupply.com/Jason Pschall - Spartan Chemical)
- Vacuum Cleaner Maintenance (Judge/ Josh Ewald/405-777-9946/jewald@greatplains.edu)
- Chemical Mixing (Judge/ Josh Ewald/405-777-9946/jewald@greatplains.edu)
- Restroom Cleaning (Oral Presentation)(Judge-Bob Hanefield, 580-483-6620/bob_hanefield@sbcglobal.net/ Retired Facilities Maintenance, Cameron University)
- Office Cleaning (Building H, Room 102 / Office area) (Judge-Bob Hanefield,580-483-6620/ bob_hanefield@sbcglobal.net/Retired Facilities Maintenance , Cameron University)

(Building H,(Room 102) / Masonry Shop area)

(7) - Carpet Maintenance— (Co-Chair/JasonFloyed-FrancisTuttel(405-249-9715)(jayson.floyd@francistuttle.edu)
 Judge Doug Merrie-ICTC instructor Aid(918-905-0795/doug.merrie@ictech.edu)

(Building H, (Room 102) -Masonry Shop

(7) - (Low Speed Buffing) — (Co-chair/ Jason Floyed)(405-249-9715)(jayson.floyd@francistuttle.edu)
 (Judge-DougMerrie-ICTCinstructionalAid)(918-905-0795/doug.merrie@ictech.edu)

(Building H, (Room 102)-Masonry Shop

(6) - (Hard Surface Maintenance) — (Co Chair/Megan Lasely -High Plains Technology Center) (580-334-5909/mlasley@hptc.edu) Karen Rogers(kubala58@icloud.com/580-334-2226 (Judge -Joey Olive-PaPa Jim's Sticks-N-Stones/918-797-5866/ jlolive2005@gmail.com)

Horticulture Contest

(5) – (Job Readiness Horticulture) / Contest area Building H, (room 102) Masonry Shop / Holding area - (5-chair needed) / (No Tables or chairs needed for the judge) (CO-Chair, Jimmy Gilstrap 918-797-0603
 (Judge - Evan Long,405-416-3411/evan.long@ag.ok.gov/Oklahoma Forestry

(8) - (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,

Katlyn Hudgins-Career Development Coordinator/Special Populations/405-743-5596/katlyn.hudgins@careertech.ok.gov)(Judge, Danielle Adkins/918-951-2606/dnicolew@gmail.com/Oklahoma Master Gardener)

The Leadership Contest will be held (Sunday 4/27/2025) downtown at the Arvest Convention Center/Tulsa Ballroom-Holding area./(No additional Table or chairs needed) CONTEST NOT ON LEMLEY CAMPUS

(6) JR. Prepared Speech,
(Co-chair /Nadine Hanefield/ Great Plains Tech center/580-483-7850/nhanefield@greatplains.edu)
(Judge /Dan and Gail Collins/Retired School Administrator)(918-797-0313)(dan.collins16@outlook.com)
(Arvest Convention Center-3rd floor Legacy Hall)

(13) Jr. Job Interview, (Co-chair/Cheryl Strech/WWTC/405-623-3795/ cstrech@wwtech.edu)
(Judge/ Tony Pivec - ICTS School Superintendent.) (918-557-8255) (tony.pivec@ictech.edu)
(Arvest Convention Center-3rd Floor Legacy Hall)

(5) JR Financial Fitness, (Co-chair/Lakota Campbell/Cheryl Strech/WWTC/ 405-623-3795/cstrech@wwtech.edu) (Judge /Caleb Olson/ caleboolson@gmail.com/918-352-8309)
(Arvest Convention Center-3rd floor Legacy Hall)

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
/Room G-206 for Cake Decorating

(No additional tables and chairs will be needed)

(10) JR. Laundry Sorting/Folding , Co-chair - Kari Bailey (FTTC-Rockwell) (Judge - Susan Sherwood Sodexo(918-206-0845)(susan.sherwood@sodexo.com)

(8) JR. Table Setting Co-Chair -Kari Bailey (FTTC-Rockwell) / (Judge, Jon Becklof-Sodexo)

(7) - Sandwich Making, (Co-chair -Kari Bailey-(FTTC, Rockwell) / Judge – Chef Ron Harrison - Sodexo

(5) – Culinary Arts Grill, (Co-chair -Kari Bailey-(FTTC, Rockwell) / Judge – Chef Nook Ducre - Sodexo

(10) – Cake Decorating, (Co-chair -Kari Bailey-(FTTC, Rockwell) / Judge -Chef Doug Zimpel

Shop Contest

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

(7) – Job Readiness Small Engine Parts I.D. / (CO-Chair, Damon Brown, Service Careers Instructor/ Mid -America Tech)(dbrown@matech.edu
(Judge, Chuck Harrington- OSU Extension/918-381-1345)(redbud@webzone.net)

(8) – Job Readiness Tool I. D. / (CO-Chair, Jeff Foresee, Service Careers Instructor/ EOCTech)
(Judge, Brian Jervis/ OSU Extension, Tulsa County/
bjervis@tulsacounty.org/brian.jervis@okstate.edu Phone 918-706-8514 or 918-746-3700)

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

(13) – Job Readiness Welding (Co-Chair/CliftonTouchstone)(405-831-2045/clifton.touchstone@mntc.edu) Judge - (Dave Daugherty-Airgas) 918-261-8323
(david.daugherty@airgas.co)
Clay Geneva/918-905-1993/Garret.geneva@yahoo.com

(13) – Mechanical (Co-Chair Steve Bookout(stevebookout58@gmail.com/580-401-5241 - Retired Service Careers Instructor) Judge - Vacuworx/Airgas
- SMAW – (Judge -Kenny Compton- Vacuworx) DJ Gall 918-270-0281/djgall@vacuworx.com
- MIG – (Judge - Kenny Compton– Vacuworx)
- Brazing – (Judge -Bobby Rinehart(918-457-0739/(rinehartwelding@outlook.com) Bruce Payne - Airgas) (501-472-9546) (bruce.payne@airgas.com)
- Oxy.Gas Cutting – (Judge-Bobby Rinehart (918-457-0739)(rinehartwelding@outlook.com) – Bruce Payne - Airgas)(501-472-9546)
(bruce.payne@airgas.com)
- Small Engine Parts ID – (Judge-Chuck Harrington-Master Gardener/918-381-1345/redbud@webzone.net/ OSU Extension)

Care of Grounds Contest

Building H 103 west parking Lot / Contest areaHVAC 103 / Holding area – (28 chairs needed)/
(1 table/ three chairs for judges) (Co- Chair/Billy Moore/WWTC/ 918-623-7111/bmoore@wwtech.edu) (Judges-P&K Equipment, Owasso)

(7) – Job Readiness Standard Mower (Theresa Burr - P&K Equipment, Owasso)

(12) – Job Readiness ZTR (Justin Brown/918-346-2866/jbrown@pkequipment.com/ - P&K Equipment, Owasso)

(9) – Job Readiness Grounds Equipment Operation (Josh Fields - P&K Equipment, Owasso)

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

Let me know if there are any questions or concerns.

Jimmy Gilstrap

(918-797-0603)

Should additional information be needed, please contact Greg Neely at (405) 743-5147 or email at 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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