

# Diesel Equipment Technology State Contest Information 2026

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**NO SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER MARCH 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 Diesel Equipment Technology competition will be held on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at Tulsa Technology Center – Broken Arrow Campus, 4000 W Florence St, Broken Arrow, OK 74011. The Diesel program is located on the northwest corner of the campus. Enter the campus through the main gate on Florence Street. Maintain the Northwest direction of travel.

## **ORIENTATION**

The Diesel contest chair, instructors and contestants will meet for orientation & contest sign-in on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Double Tree - Downtown Tulsa (616 West 7th St, Tulsa, OK 74127). Room TBA.

## **CONTEST**

The contest arrival will be at 7:30 a.m. and the contest will start promptly at 8:00 a.m.

\*There should be no talking between contestants in the contest areas during the competition. Violation of this rule will lead to a loss of points on that station. If it continues to be an issue, contestant(s) may be removed. Please see Section 34, sub-section “a”, of the official SkillsUSA General Regulations for further clarification.

## **TESTING**

Contestants will be judged on their SkillsUSA knowledge through the Professional Development test and knowledge test. Testing will be completed online and proctored through their technology centers. Online testing opens March 16, 2026, and closes April 3, 2026. No provisions are being made for make-up testing on-site.

## **RESUME- DIGITAL ONLY**

Contestants will be required to submit a digital resume prior to contest. Contestants will receive an email to the address that was used to register the contestant for the contest with instructions and link to access the SkillsUSA Competitor Portal page. The email will contain username and contestant number, which are required to login to the Competitor Portal. There will be no on-site submissions accepted. **Deadline to submit a resume is April 3rd, 2026.**

## **CONTEST FEES**

In addition to the regular conference registration, there will be a contest supplies fee of \$25.00. 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.

## LUNCH

Due to the contest schedule, lunch will be limited to 25 minutes. Meals will be provided and delivered to contestants at the station they are at when lunch is called. Lunch will be provided. There is a \$25.00 lunch fee that was added at time of registration

## AWARDS CEREMONY

Winners will be recognized for top three positions in Secondary and Post-Secondary Diesel contest at the General Session on Tuesday morning, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026, located in the Arvest Convention Center in the Grand Hall. All competitors must wear official SkillsUSA dress to the Awards Session during the ceremony. Competitors that have not followed the national guidelines for official dress will not be granted stage access. 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. Contestants will not be allowed to wear hats or sunglasses on stage or photo sessions; there will be no exceptions to this rule. There will however be a chance for them to take pictures on stage after the ceremony has ended if they did not have an opportunity to go on stage earlier.

- **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**.

## 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 JW Turnpaugh ([jturnpaugh@matech.edu](mailto:jturnpaugh@matech.edu)). Please contact the chair with prizes that will need to be checked in. Each participating school is expected to furnish at minimum one industry award for each student that is entered into the contest. 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 19<sup>th</sup> between 12:00 & 4:00 or April 20<sup>th</sup> 2026 between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 PM.**

## **TOOLS AND SUPPLIES**

Each contestant will need to bring the following:

Safety glasses

#2 Pencil

## **CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS**

All contestants must wear proper eye protection and leather shoes/boots per National Skill standards (steel-toe work boots are recommended but not required). Please remember that clothing should not bear any identifiable traits such as school insignia, name, or student name. There should also be no offensive gestures or language.

## **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 ([Phillip.bueno@careertech.ok.gov](mailto:Phillip.bueno@careertech.ok.gov)) or the SkillsUSA diesel contest chair Dannie Russell ([dannierussell@aol.com](mailto:dannierussell@aol.com)) or James Weygandt ([JWeygandt@taketentire.com](mailto:JWeygandt@taketentire.com))