

2026 OKLAHOMA SLSC STATE MEMO
Cosmetology

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

Tentative-Information is subject to change, check back often

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

The 2026 Oklahoma SkillsUSA **Cosmetology** will be held April 20, 2026, and will be hosted at **Arvest Convention Center, formerly known as Cox Convention Center, Tulsa Oklahoma**

CONTEST FEES

In addition to the regular conference registration, there will be a contest supplies fee of \$156 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.

CONTEST TESTING

Contestants will be judged on their SkillsUSA knowledge through the Professional Development test and a knowledge test based on their contest area. 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 contestant's username and contestant number, which are required to login to the Competitor Portal.

Deadline to submit resume is April 8th, 2026.

LUNCH

Lunch will be provided in your contest area and will be added at time of registration for a fee of \$25 for all contestants. No other food will be permitted in the contest area unless prior approval by contest chair.

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.

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 **Tamara Chandler**. 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.

Please bring prizes to the awards area at the Arvest Convention Center to the Conference Hall on Sunday, April 19th between 12-4pm or Monday, April 20th between 8am-5pm.

AWARDS CEREMONY

Winners will be recognized at the General Session on Tuesday morning, April 21st at 9am.

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.

SETUP (Updated 04/01/2026)

SET UP WILL TAKE PLACE AT 4:00 pm on Sunday April 19th. An email will go to teachers asking if they want to set up or clean up, Assignments will be posted and emailed out the Friday prior to the contest

Set up at 4:00pm

Registration 5:00pm

- **Contestants' ID Badges will be handed out during registration**

Check-in and registration at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, April 19, in the Exhibit Hall contest area. ***** Bring sketch to Check-In ******

Contestant Meeting 5:30 p.m. in the Convention Center Exhibit Hall in the contest area. All contestants must have their name badge.

Kit Check will be conducted on the morning of the competition. Please have the contestants bring their kit on Monday April 20, 2026.

This orientation meeting is required of all contestants. If a contestant misses this meeting, he/she is disqualified. If a contestant is involved in a leadership contest, which creates a time conflict with the contestant meeting, the contest chair (of both contests) must be notified before the meeting to make arrangements.

A roll call will be taken at the contestant meeting

Call to Order at 5:30 p.m. – Cosmetology, Barbering, Esthetics, and Nail Contest Coordinator.

- Announcements and Introductions
- Review agenda for each contest.

Volunteers for the contests come from the industry. Please be courteous and appreciate their time, energy, and dedication to our students.

CONTEST

Kit Check will be conducted on the morning of the competition. Please have the contestants bring their kit, sketches, and/or written descriptions (refer to National Technicals).

- Pictures of the haircuts will be shown to the competitors at the time they will be executing that section of the competition.

Instructors: Do not remove chairs, tables, or pipe/draping from other contest areas.

Absolutely no instructors are allowed in the roped-in area.

- **Absolutely no communication between instructors, observers, and contestants during the contest, lunch, or breaks. Violations of the rule could result in the student being disqualified.**
- **Cellphones, electronic watches and/or other electronic devices not approved by a competition's national technical committee are NOT allowed in the competition area**

Manikins Provided by State Contest

The Cosmetology manikins will be Daisy (Burmax) for the long hair design, Whitney (Burmax), and Sam II (Burmax). The hair on the manikins will not be shampooed or conditioned. Students can take manikins back to school with them after the contest.

The Long hair design manikin (Daisy) will be mailed or delivered to school before the contest.

Cosmetology Contest Assignments: Jennifer Richardson(SkillsUSA Contest Chair) or Reagan Rager (ODCTE Program Specialist), will contact you if needed for assistance in some capacity during the state conference.

Cosmetology Hair Contest Agenda

Monday, April 20, 2026 (Times can be changed at any time)

8:00-8:15 Check in

8:15 – 8:30 Long Hair Design Color, Sketch and Written Description Judging & Kit Check (color, sketch, and written description completed prior to the state contest)

8:30-9:40 Long Hair Design

- 8:30-8:40 Setup for Long Hair Design
- 8:40-9:40 Long Hair Design (60 minutes)
- 9:40-10:00 Judging

9:40-10:00 *Break for Contestants*

10:00-11:55 Long Hair Cut and Design

- 10:00-10:10-Setup for both cut and design
- 10:10-10:55-Woman's Long Hair Cut and Design (45 minutes)
- 10:55-11:25-Judging and Contestant Break

11:20-11:50 *Lunch for contestants*

12:00-1:55 Short Cut and Design (style)

- 12:00-12:10-Setup for Short Cut and Design
- 12:10-1:55- Short Cut and Design (style) (45 minutes)
- 1:55-2:25 Judging

1:55-2:05 *Break for Contestants*

2:05-3:00 90 Degree Cut

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- 2:05-2:15 Setup for 90-degree Cut
- 2:15-3:00 90 Degree Cut
- 3:00- 3:30 Judging
- Judges/Contestant Feedback and Debriefing

CLEAN UP- HELP with clean up

****** Times are subject to change ******

TOOLS AND SUPPLIES:

Kit Cosmo 2025 Oklahoma SkillsUSA

Supplied by the technical committee:

- a. Mannequins for all areas of the national competition.**
- b. Mirrors and tables**
- c. All pictures or literature of styles, haircuts and techniques, and/or specialized process details related to the competition's tasks.**
- d. First aid kit**
- e. Blood spill kit**

SUPPLIED BY CONTESTANT/KIT CHECK

Extra=power strip

- a. Cutting shears**
- b. Thinning shears**
- c. Razor and spare blade**

d. Clipper

e. Thermal tools (flat iron and/or curling iron)

f. Blow dryer

g. Styling product(s) of choice

h. Combs

i. Brushes

j. Spray bottle (filled with water)

k. Towels (minimum of one)

l. Hair clips

w. Tripod stand for mannequin head

x. All competitors must create and submit online a one-page single sided resume. See "Online Submission Requirements" below for guidelines.

y. All competitors will complete and submit online a sketch head sheet that identifies the color pattern design they will be using in the hair color portion of the competition. See "Online Submission Requirements" below for guidelines.

Note: All national competitors must also check for competition-specific updates and/or competitor preparation instructions on the SkillsUSA website at updates.skillsusa.org

Each competitor shall bring a tripod stand for their Mankins.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS

Contestants will follow official contest dress as described in the national technical unless otherwise stated in the state memo. Students cannot wear any identifying information on their uniform that will associate them with a school or technology center.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions about the contest, contact **Reagan Rager**
reagan.rager@careertech.ok.gov

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