

2026 OKLAHOMA SLSC STATE MEMO

Nail Care

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 memo.**

The 2026 Oklahoma SkillsUSA **Nail Care** will be held April 20, 2026, and will be hosted at **Arvest Convention Center, formerly known as Cox Convention Center, Tulsa Oklahoma.** **Instructors and Contestants must stay and help with teardown after contest ends.**

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

Box Lunches will be supplied to all contestants and models for a fee of \$25. No other food will be permitted in the contest area unless prior arrangements have been made with contest chair.

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.

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.

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SET UP WILL TAKE PLACE AT 4:00m 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 4:00 pm

Registration 5:00 pm

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

CONTEST

Check-in and registration is at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, April 19th, in the Exhibit Hall contest area. Contestants' ID Badges will be handed out during registration.

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

Kit Check will be conducted in the morning of the competition. Please have the contestants bring their kit, and written description and pictures

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.

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- A role call will be taken at the contestant meeting.

Call to Order at 5:30 pm – 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.

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.**

Cosmetology Contest Assignments- Jennifer Richardson (Burmax) Reagan Rager (Program Specialist), will contact you if needed for assistance in some capacity during the state conference.

Nail Care Contest Agenda Monday, April 20, 2026

8:00-8:25 Check In & Kit Check

8:30-10:00 Acrylic nail application

- 8:30-8:45 Setup for Acrylic nail application
- 8:45-9:45 Acrylic Nail application – right hand only (60 minutes)
- 9:45-10:15 Judging

9:45-10:20 *Contestant break*

10:15-10:30 Model break

10:30-11:40 Gel Nail application

- 10:30-10:40- Prep and set up for Gel Nail

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- 10:40-11:40- Gel Nail application –left hand only
(60 minutes)
- 11:40-12:00- Judging Gel Nail Application
(Models will eat with contestants after judging)

11:40-12:10 *Lunch for Contestants*

11:50 – 12:30 *Lunch for Models*

12:30-2:00 Lacquer & Nail Art Application (90 minutes)

- 12:30-12:40- Set- up for Lacquer & Nail Art Application
- 12:40-2:10 Application of Red polish right hand only and Nail art application to left hand only

2:10-2:45 Judges score both red polish application and nail art

2:45 *Contestant and Models will display art after judging ends*

CLEAN UP

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

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 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 in Conference Hall at Arvest Convention Center, 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.

TOOLS AND SUPPLIES:

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Supplied by the technical committee:

- a. Technical guidelines for the specific applications required to be performed
- b. Plastic bags for disposal of refuse
- c. Power outlet

Supplied by the competitor:

EXTRA POWER STRIP

- a. A model is required and must be an active SkillsUSA student member. Models must register as a “participant” and are not required to take any test(s) or submit a resume.
- b. White terry towels (no holes or stains allowed)
- c. Disposable towels for the table
- f. All items necessary to complete five (5) sculptured acrylic nails. **Note:** Dappen dishes must have covers; monomer, polymer, and primer must be from the same manufacturer; two or more of the four basic acrylic colors (pink, white,

clear, or natural) must be used to complete two-tone/French manicure sculpted nails

g. All items are necessary to complete five (5) nails with a tip and light-cured enhancement overlay. It can be a hard gel or a hybrid gel/acrylic product. Light-cured enhancement product must be translucent. **Note:** Gel polish, temporary or no-light gels may not be used.

h. Dark red crème lacquer/polish

i. Items allowed for the flat nail art application include:

1). Acrylic paints, polishes/lacquers, colored powders (acrylic and dip), gel polish, rhinestones sizes 20ss and under, glitters and dusts, and adhesives, i.e., gel topcoats/glue **Note:** No pre-prepared items can be used; items are limited to those intended for use on nails.

2). A topcoat may be used as a sealer.

j. A written description of the nail art theme. Themes are to be typewritten, should include pictures and be contained within a plastic sheet protector.

k. Portable kit organizer (to transport all items necessary for the competition)

l. All implements and tools should be brought to the competition clean and/or new and ready for use.

m. Safety glasses, gloves and masks are optional.

n. Manicure table lamp and 6' multi-outlet power strip (**optional/suggested**)

Note: Electric files/drills and airbrush machines are not allowed.

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

- **Will Not Be Following These Competition Guidelines From National Technical : 5A & 5B**

Competitors should come prepared to do the following:

- a. A three- to five-minute mock nail care consultation on the benefits of natural nail care. The competitor will address the judges as if they are a new client of theirs in the salon. Props may be used. The consultation should include the following points:
 - 1). Recommended natural nail care services
 - 2). Results the client should expect
 - 3). The home care products the client would need to purchase and use to obtain these results.

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b. A basic pedicure on one foot of their model. Procedures should include, but not be limited to, shaping toenails, pushing back cuticles, cleaning under toenails, refining skin and polishing.

STANDARDS COVERED DURING STATE CONTEST

Follow National Technical Standards

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions about the contest, please contact **Reagan Rager**
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National Technical Standards can be found on Pathful, which you can access with your professional SkillsUSA membership. Technicals and State Memos are updated periodically, please check regularly.