

2026 OKLAHOMA SLSC STATE MEMO

Cosmetology Related Job Exhibit

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

The 2026 Oklahoma SkillsUSA Cosmetology Related Job Exhibit contests will be held Sunday, April 19, 2026 at Arvest Convention Center, 2nd floor Legacy Hall. Set up is between 11am-1pm Sunday and the contest will begin at 1:30pm.

All contest materials must be removed from contest location by 5pm Monday, April 20, 2026. SkillsUSA is not responsible for any contest materials that are left after 5pm cleanup deadline.

CONTEST

The Job Exhibits Contests permits students in Career and Technical Education Cosmetology, Barbering, Esthetics, and Nail programs and SkillsUSA members to demonstrate the skills that are typical examples of the work being performed by a craftsman in the field in which they are training.

JOB EXHIBIT DIVISION

- Job Exhibit Hair – Women’s Long Hair Design
- Job Exhibit Hair – Short Hair Cut and Design
- Job Exhibit Makeup – Beauty & Night Makeup
- Job Exhibit Makeup – Fantasy Makeup
- Job Exhibit Nails – Nail Art Job Exhibit Nails – Acrylic Nails

CONTEST FEES

In addition to the regular conference registration, there will be a contest fee of \$35. This fee will be added to the contestant’s registration when it is completed online.

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 Arvest Convention Center.

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

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.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS

Contestants will wear official dress as described outlined by national SkillsUSA. Students can not wear any identifying information on their uniform that will associate them with a school or technology center. See Oklahoma SkillsUSA website for guidelines.

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.

OBSERVER RULE

Observers will not be allowed in the exhibit area while job exhibits are being judged. After the job exhibits are judged, they will be on display for viewing and may not be removed until designated time.

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 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 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 supplied at the SkillsUSA Oklahoma state level.**

Please contact the prize chair with prizes that will need to be checked in. **Each participating school is expected to provide 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 on Sunday, April 19th between 12-4pm or Monday, April 20th between 8am-4pm.**

GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURE

IMPORTANT NOTE: ONLY THE WORK ON MANIKINS WILL BE ALLOWED IN EXHIBIT. NO TABLEDECORATION OR PROPS ALLOWED. ONLY THE WORK ON MANIKANS WILL BE USED FOR EVALUATION.

All student job exhibits must have written documentation in the form of a notebook. Guidelines for this notebook can be found in this document.

Each student is responsible for bringing, displaying, and removing their entry in the contests.

Job Exhibit participation is limited to one individual entry per person; Entry consists of

one exhibit and one individual notebook.

JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Job exhibit projects should be typical examples of the work that is done by a craftsperson in the field in which they are training.
2. Amount of difficulty, craftsmanship and time needed to achieve the objective of the project will be considered most important when judging.
3. Exhibits should show that students used a higher level of skills and knowledge to create the exhibit.
4. Documentation in the form of a Notebook for the project will be a major consideration.
(See “*Notebook Specifications*” on the next page)

The rating of the job exhibit will be recorded on the grading sheet by the judges along with any comments the judges feel is important concerning the evaluation. The judges are strongly encouraged but not required to give an explanation on the comments section on appropriate rating sheet.

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

1. Each job exhibit MUST be accompanied by a notebook with the exhibit. Notebook can be a 1” 3 ring binder with clear cover sleeve or Report cover w brads with clear cover.

Notebook must contain:

- A. Cover Sheet
 - a. Student Name
 - b. School Name
 - c. Advisor Name
- B. Table of Contents
- C. Four pictures minimum, 2”x3”, of completed project from Multiple angles, including close-ups of any important details.
- D. One image 4x6 of the student and the completed project.
- E. Resume

F. Preface or Introduction: Why chose this job exhibit category. Brief education recap for program studies. Any significance of purpose for the exhibit or value. Quality of writing - The correct use of grammar, spelling, vocabulary, document format, project quality, effort, and originality are all factors that will be considered in notebook scoring.

G. Body of notebook – project description Student(s) narrative of task

H. Detailed descriptions of work. Pre-planning/Brainstorming, Design/Construction, Testing/problems that changed plan, final result.

I. Step by step list of tasks performed. Students should include detailed step-by-step description that contain charts and diagrams explaining work performed, specifications, tests, safety considerations, and results

J. Drawings, sketches, schematics, measurements, etc.

K. List of parts, ingredients, products, etc.

L. Tool/Implementation/Equipment/Software List

M. Material List (with receipts) or if donated list of items (acknowledge donator)

N. Student Work photos - a minimum of six photographs 2"x3" showing the student(s) involvement in each aspect or phase of the job completion. These photos should be time and date stamped, taken from Multiple angles and proximity highlighting quality of work. Photos should depict critical steps and proper safety procedures. Students should be in all of the photos with the work

2. Jobs exhibits will be rated in each event in accordance with the grade sheet provided in this document.

JOB EXHIBIT "LONG HAIR - DESIGN" SPECIFICATIONS

Not Allowed:

- No hair color allowed on Manikin heads. Exhibit work must be done without any color added to manikin hair.
- No artificial hair additions or props.

JOB EXHIBIT "SHORT HAIR CUT & DESIGN" SPECIFICATIONS

- Short Hair Cut can be done on a women or men's manikin.
- No hair color allowed on Manikin heads. Exhibit work must be done without any color added to manikin hair.
- No artificial hair additions or props.

JOB EXHIBIT FLAT NAIL ART SPECIFICATIONS

- Allowed: Flat paint nail art application with polish, lacquers, paints, and sealer.
- 5 NAILS ONLY
- The following are NOT allowed, if they are the project will be disqualified and not be judged:

*GEMS - SKINS - FEATHERS - RHINESTONES CRYSTALS - TRANSFER
FOILS*

*GLITTERS – THREADS - FABRICS - FOILS – BEADS – TAPES - STAMPING
PLATES - JEWELRY - DECALS CAST MOLDING - 3-DIMENSIONAL
FORMS - STENCILS*

JOB EXHIBIT ACRYLIC NAILS SPECIFICATIONS

Two Hands:

- Left Hand – Acrylic Nail Tip Application with dark red crème lacquer/polish
- Right Hand - Two-tone/French manicure nails (full sculptured with forms).

JOB EXHIBIT BEAUTY & NIGHT TIME MAKEUP SPECIFICATIONS

- One Manikin: Right side of manikin for Daytime Application and left side of manikin for Nighttime Application.
- Hair of manikin must be pulled back in smooth manner with either a headband or pony tail.

JOB EXHIBIT FANTASY MAKEUP SPECIFICATIONS

- Not Allowed: Props, such as hair ornaments, wigs, and jewelry.
- Hair of manikin must be pulled back in smooth manner with either a headband or pony tail.

JOB EXHIBIT NOTEBOOKS

Job Exhibits are designed to allow students to document the real-world knowledge, procedures, and job skills used in their programs. Trainers and live work are all part of the curriculum; therefore, this notebook is intended to allow students to demonstrate and document their ability to perform trade-specific skills within their program. The notebook is calculated as a 200-point value of each job exhibit total rating. This notebook is required for all job exhibits.

RULES

1. All text is typed. The use of preprinted materials such as manuals or course textbooks is allowed only as reference material for technical specifications or procedures and **will not** replace the student narrative.
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions about the contest, please contact **Program Specialist Reagan Rager**.