

# Competitions

## Arkansas SkillsUSA Competition Guidelines

### Introduction

SkillsUSA Arkansas is the premier student association that represents curriculum-based areas in career and technical education. This section outlines policies and procedures for SkillsUSA Arkansas. Skills USA Arkansas provides opportunities for students to showcase their leadership ability and career and technical skill attainment through competitions.

SkillsUSA Arkansas conducts competitions annually and students are recognized for their talents and abilities in their chosen area.

Business and industry set standards for competitions that are based on competencies appropriate for entry-level workers and career and technical education. These standards are kept current through broad industry representation on technical committees composed of companies, trade, and professional associations.

**A student must be a member of SkillsUSA to compete at the state competition.**

### Educational Objectives

The SkillsUSA Arkansas competition's educational program is designed primarily to improve training and to provide recognition for student accomplishments. The learning values of competition are shared systematically with educators, through contest debriefings or industry seminars, before or after the SkillsUSA Arkansas Championships.

### Principles of Operation

SkillsUSA Arkansas' competition policies, approved by the SkillsUSA Arkansas State Advisory Board, SkillsUSA Arkansas State Director, and Arkansas Student Leadership Center, govern their operation.

- An individual who has not completed the requirement for nor received a high-school-level diploma must compete as a high-school competitors even though they may be taking advanced placement or concurrent college/postsecondary courses.
- Contests will be conducted as close to the National SkillsUSA competition standards as possible within a limited time frame.
- Contests will be judged according to the provided scorecards in full.
- Scoring will show the presented results of the judging of each contest.
- Grievances must be submitted to SkillsUSA Arkansas headquarters on or before 6:00 pm the day of the competition.
- Any new contest must be presented to the Arkansas SkillsUSA State Director for approval one year prior to the state conference in which the contest is to be implemented.
- Contestant limitations will be based on the number of chapters (**NOT SECTIONS**) represented by a school.
- To keep the integrity of a contest, no scorecard will be released. Individual competitor results will be available online within a week following the competitions.