


2026 SkillsUSA Maryland American Spirit Competition Update (4/7/26)

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| Competition Date | Friday, April 17, 2026 |
| Competition Start Time | <i>At the conclusion of Entrepenership, we will start American Spirit</i> |
| Competition Location | Carroll County Career and Technology Center |
| Competition Dress | <p>Class A: SkillsUSA Official Attire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official SkillsUSA red blazer or official SkillsUSA red jacket • Button-up, collared, white dress shirt (<i>accompanied by a plain, solid black tie or SkillsUSA black tie</i>), white shirt (<i>collarless or small-collared</i>) or white turtleneck, with any collar not to extend into the lapel area of the blazer, sweater, windbreaker or jacket • Black dress slacks or black dress skirt (<i>knee-length at minimum</i>) • Black closed-toe dress shoes |
| Supplied by the technical committee: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All necessary information and furnishings for judges and technical committee |
| Supplied by the competitors: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official SkillsUSA three-ring binder or Official SkillsUSA scrapbook documenting the project. • HARD COPY single-sided one page resume, to be turned in at the competition |
| Submitted <u>BEFORE</u> Contest | <p>All competitors must submit a digital copy of their binder’s contents saved as a PDF file.</p> <p>The purpose of the “Online Submission Requirements” is for pre-conference evaluation. Failure to submit a digital copy of the binder that can be opened and meets the required format may result in a loss of points.</p> <p>Failure to submit the binder as listed below by Monday, April 13, 3 pm, will result in a 10-point penalty per competitor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A digital copy of the binder’s contents saved as a combined single PDF file. <p>The online submission of scanned pages must be in the same order as the physical binder presented at the competition, or you will incur a 10 point penalty per competitor with documents in a different order.</p> <p>Your submission must be saved as PDF file type using the file name format of “Your Last Name_Your First Name_Binder” or you will incur a 10 point penalty per mislabeled file.</p> <p>For example, “Amanda Smith” would save the individual PDF submissions</p> |

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| Digital File Submission Link | https://forms.gle/k7Xz4xdzsSoZkcGv7 |
| Digital File Submission QR Code |  |
| Observer Rule | Observers will not be permitted. |
| Presentation Time | 7 minutes |
| Question & Clarification Time | Up to 3 minutes |