

We are four days away from the SkillsUSA Maryland 53rd Annual State Championship!

Update #1: **ACTION ITEM!** Online Testing Ends Tuesday (4/14/26)!

Just reminder that state competitors must complete the SkillsUSA Professional Development (PD) online test by **Tuesday, April 14, 2026**. If a contest offers a program-aligned technical online test, students are encouraged, but not required, to complete technical tests.

Two exceptions to the online technical test rule:

Quiz Bowl - Team members must complete the online technical test individually (not as a team) by the April 14 deadline.

Health Knowledge Bowl - teammates will complete a written test (together) as part of the Saturday competition (no need to take the online technical test).

Update #2: Download the State Championship App!

Please encourage everyone planning to attend the 2026 State Championship to download the new program App! The App offers a wide variety of helpful information to make everyone's conference experience better! Follow download instructions on the "State Conference" page: <https://www.new.mdskillsusa.org/state-conference/>

Check for important conference information by clicking "Schedule" and "Info" located at the bottom of the Sched phone app.

Update #3: **ACTION ITEM!** We Still Need Contest Judging Support!

Although we have over 250 confirmed volunteers this year, our volunteers are not distributed equally among the 70 myriad trade, industry, occupationally related and leadership-related competitions. We need your help!

Please reach out to the 79 advisors, administrators, chaperones and observers registered to attend this year (and this doesn't include additional folks who are not registered but plan to be there).

Here are the conditions to serve as a contest judge:

ü Do not volunteer to judge a contest with students/teams from your chapter participating.

ü You must be a minimum of three years graduated from high school to be eligible to serve as a state contest judge.

ü You must commit to the contest's entire time block: Friday contests are 6pm-9pm and Saturday contests begin at 8am and conclude no later than 2:30pm (but some will end sooner!).

Here's where we need judging support (most of these contests occur on Saturday, April 18, except where noted. Also, volunteers are not required to know specific technical knowledge, except where noted):

American Spirit - Friday - need 2 judges

Basic Health Care Skills – Saturday- need 4-5 victims (no judging required! :)

Community Service – Friday evening - 3 judges (6pm-9pm)

Career and Technical Educator Demo – Saturday - 3 judges (teachers encouraged!)

Early Childhood Education – Saturday - need 2 judges (teachers encouraged!)

Employment Application Process – Saturday - (IEP contest) need 2 judges

Engineering Technology - Design - Friday - need 2 judges (call state director!)

Extemporaneous Speaking – Saturday - need 2 judges

Job Skills Demonstration A and Open – Saturday - need **12-14 judges** (some will finish early!)

Pin Design – Saturday - need 2 judges

Prepared Speech – Saturday - need 2 judges

Here's how to volunteer! [2026 State Championship Volunteer Sign-up](#)

Update #4: **ACTION ITEM!** Keep Checking Contest Updates!

Important state contest information (“update”) is currently posted on the State Conference page. More updates will be added until **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**. Scroll down page to find contests, listed alphabetically, with updates.

Time Sensitive! several contests require students to submit information **before** the State Championship. Contests include, but may not be limited to, **Additive Manufacturing, American Spirit, Digital Cinema Production, Entrepreneurship, Information Technology Services (special hardware requirements), Pin Design, T-Shirt Design.**

Encourage your students to check for contest updates!

Update #5: Students Must Hand Carry Resumes to Contests

Students are required to **hand carry** a one page, one-sided typed resume to their respective contest locations. Turn-in to contest chair or chair's designee.

Points will be deducted for students without their resumes!

Update #6: Students Must Provide Their Own Laptops or Computers!

For contests that require computers, students must provide their own laptops or computers!

Update #7: Chapter Buses Drop Off Students at Westminster HS on Friday and Saturday

In preparation for the State Championship, on Friday and Saturday, all participating chapter buses will be dropping-off students **in front of Westminster High School** and then buses will park at the Carroll County Agriculture Center main parking lot. On Saturday, a Local Shuttle Service will be transporting students between Carroll CTC, Westminster HS and the Ag Center throughout the morning and afternoon.

Update #8: Special Shuttle Service to Welding and Welding Fabrication Contests!

Students/teams participating in the Welding or Welding Fabrication contests must catch a shuttle that **departs Saturday, April 18, at 7am**, from the Carroll County Agriculture Center main parking lot. The shuttle will transport participating students to and from Plumber and Steamfitter Local 486 Training School. Returning students to the Ag Center main parking lot.



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