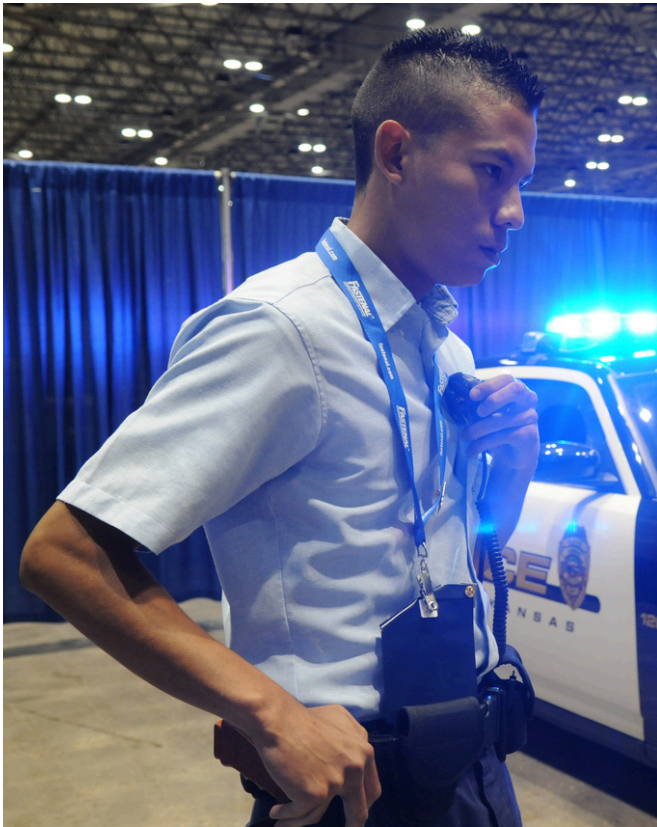


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Regional Qualifiers Fact Sheet





About SkillsUSA Arizona

We are a Partnership

SkillsUSA Arizona is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry working together to ensure Arizona has a skilled workforce.

Who We Serve

SkillsUSA Arizona is a non-profit education association, serving middle-school, high school, and college/postsecondary students preparing for careers in trade, technical skilled service occupations.

What We Do

We improve the quality of our nation's future skilled workforce through the development of SkillsUSA Framework skills that include personal, workplace, and technical skills grounded in academics.



SkillsUSA Mission:

SkillsUSA is America's proud champion of the skilled trades. Our mission is to empower students to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders, and responsible community members.

Regional Qualifiers

What is a Regional Qualifier?

A regional qualifier is a contest offered at State Leadership and Skills Conference (SLSC) that requires participation in a Regional Conference prior to registering for SLSC. If a school does not participate in the regional conference, students will not be able to compete at SLSC.

What contests are Regional Qualifiers?

In Arizona, there are 15 contests that require regional conference participation prior to attending SLSC: Advertising Design, Automotive Service Technology, Carpentry, Crime Scene Investigation, Criminal Justice, Customer Service, Job Interview, Job Skill Demonstration A, Job Skill Demonstration Open, Photography, Prepared Speech, Video Production, Video News Production, Welding, Welding Fabrication

How will I Know if my student(s) have qualified for SLSC?

The top ranking competitors from each competition will be notified by the state office if they qualify to register and attend SLSC. The number of competitors who qualify for SLSC varies per contest. Communication will go out well before SLSC registration opens, unless your Regional Conference conflicts with registration opening date.

What Happens if none of my students qualify OR if we didn't attend the Regional Conference?

There are many contests available at SLSC that don't require Regional participation. Refer to the azskillsusa.org website, under the State Leadership and Skills Conference, to see a list of available contests for any given year. Note: there may be school limits for contests, so if you have several SkillsUSA sections/chapters in your school, you will have to work with colleagues to determine which students to register.

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What if My Qualifying student(s) can't attend SLSC?

Remember this: It is the student or students who earn the placement from regional to state competition; it is NOT the school.

If you have an individual student competing, and that student cannot attend, you should contact michelle.martinez@azed.gov or kayla.staggs@azed.gov as soon as possible. We will contact the next person in line in that region to attend and compete. If there is a member on a team that cannot compete, you are allowed to make a substitution. You can substitute ONE member on any team event that is a qualifier. You should still alert the state office as soon as possible, so that we understand the situation as we review registration for SLSC.

What if my Region doesn't have the total amount of qualifiers to move forward to SLSC?

In the past, if there is a region who does not have the total amount of contestants who qualify to move on to SLSC, we have looked at other regions and moved contestants forward there. This has created a lot of confusion and questions from around the state. As of 2025, if there are not enough contestants in a region to move forward to SLSC, the number will remain as is. We will not look to other regions to compete.

Example : For the Job Interview contest, there will be 10 contestants per region who move forward to SLSC. Region had a total of 25 compete, so 10 will move forward. Region 2 had a total of 5 move forward, so as long as the judges agree, 5 will move forward. We will not find another 5 people from other regions.

Note: This process is reviewed annually in July/August by state staff, the SkillsUSA Arizona Board of Directors, and the Regional Coordinators. If you have feedback or great suggestions, we welcome them, so please reach out.

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Will there be additional Regional Qualifiers added next year?

We carefully review SLSC space, resources, and contestant numbers with our technical chairs every year after state. If there is a need brought forth, state staff will consider, reach out to the Board of Directors, and the Regional Coordinators, and let the association know by August 1 of the following year. The same holds true for any regional qualifiers that might get taken off the qualifying list.

What Other Questions do I have?

Please feel free to reach out to michelle.martinez@azed.gov for additional questions about regional qualifiers.

