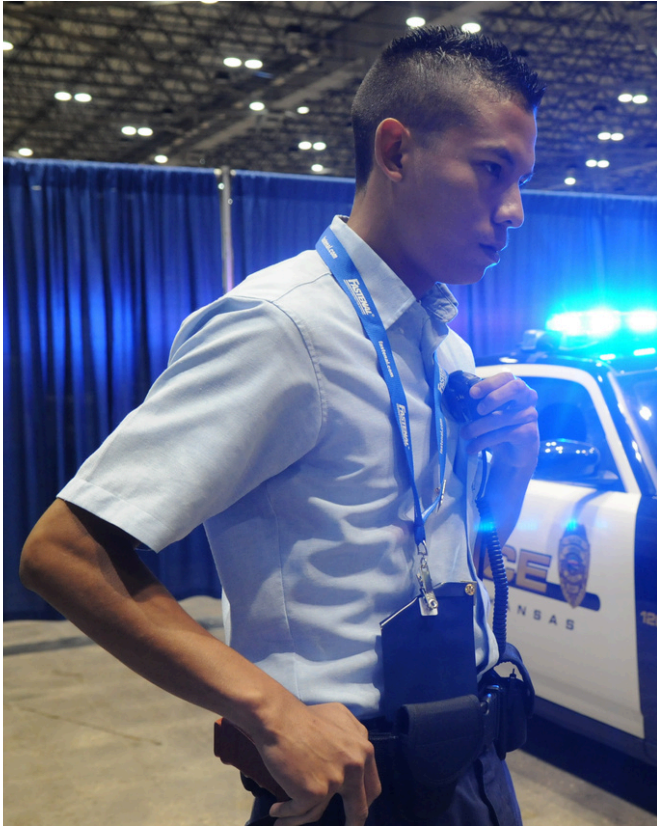


2024-2025



SkillsUSA Arizona State Leadership and Skills Conference Advisor Guide





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.

From Your State Director

Congratulations!

Your students have chosen to take a great opportunity to attend the SkillsUSA Arizona Leadership and Skills Conference, also known as SLSC, held at the Phoenix Convention Center on April 22 and 23, 2025! This two day event is the culmination of a year of work that you and your students have devoted to achieve success in technical and leadership skills. What better way to show those achievements than participation in our 80 contests offered over two days in Phoenix, Arizona!

This guide outlines the 2025 Arizona Skills and Leadership Conference in great detail. It is essential that you take the time to effectively prepare both yourself and your students by reviewing this information. Students will succeed best when they are informed and feel well prepared for this incredibly opportunity.

Please review this document and reach out with any questions about the conference:

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Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in April!

Conference Hotel and Registration Fees

SkillsUSA Arizona State Leadership and Skills Conference Conference Hotel

Hotel: Hyatt Regency

122 N. 2nd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004

Hotel Fees: \$194.00 + 12.5% + any additional taxes

All attendees **MUST** stay at this hotel and book through the link provided.

Payment for the hotel will be paid directly to the Hyatt Regency

Conference Registration Fees:

Student Competitors: \$125.00 (includes conference tshirt)

Advisors: \$65.00 (includes conference tshirt)

Guests: \$10.00

Observers: \$10.00

Chaperones: \$10.00

Esthetics Model (if needed): \$10.00

Courtesy Corps Advisor: \$25.00 (includes lunch on the day assigned to work)

Courtesy Corps Student: \$25.00 (includes lunch on the day assigned to work)

SkillsUSA Arizona requires that all participants be registered for the conference, so that we can prepare proper paperwork such as name badges for those attending. We strive to provide the safest experience possible and this includes having all attendees registered properly through the website.

How To Register

How to Register: Go to www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx to register for the conference.

Registration Opens: March 3, 2025

Registration Closes: March 31, 2025 at 11:59pm. MST

There will be no exceptions to registration closing on the 31st.

Use the 2025 State Contest List found on the state website page to see each contest, how many competitors per school are allowed, location, and more.

Need help with registration? Here's a video walk through: [SkillsUSA Conference Registration Process](#)

Reminder that when you have finalized your conference registration, remember:

1. Did you register yourself?
2. Did you submit your registration?

Divisions

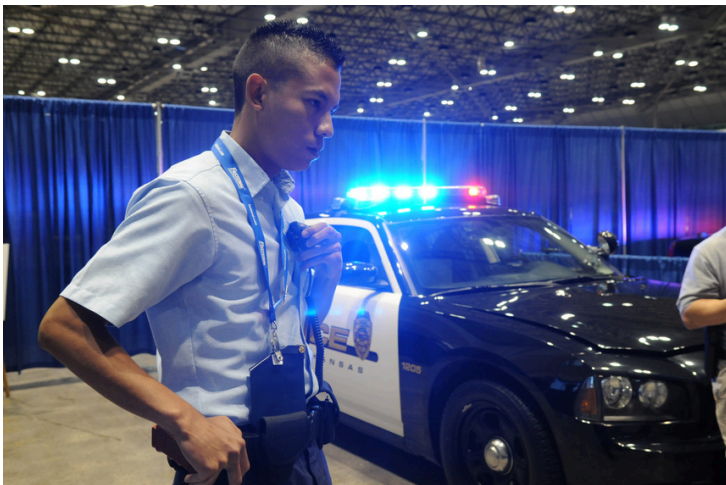
SkillsUSA Arizona supports student competitors in three divisions: Middle School, High School, and College/Post Secondary. All divisions compete at the same time using the same contest project, but are ranked separately. So, there may be medalist in three divisions, depending on the contest. The 2025 State Contest List shows which contests are specific for Middle School competitors; all other contests are available for high school and college/post secondary competitors.

Qualifying Contests

Regional Qualifiers

A regional qualifier is a contest offered at SLSC that requires participation on 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. 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 and Welding Fabrication. Additionally, there are 3 contest that require pre-submissions prior to registration for SLSC: Digital Cinema, Pin Design, and TShirt Design.

Please refer to the Regional Qualifier Fact Sheet found on the state website page for specifics about substitutions for Regional Qualifiers.



Conference Preparation

Conference Preparation

The two most important pieces of information necessary to assist you in preparing your students for success in a contest are:

1. The **National Technical Standards**: these are found in absorb.skillsusa.org and are part of your professional membership benefits package. If you are a registered member, you have access to Absorb. If you have forgotten how to access your account or if you have never gone to Absorb, please contact the Customer Care Team at customercare@skillsusa.org and they will assist you.
 - a. These are the standards that all contest projects assess.
 - b. You will notice that most of them are the standards that you are required to teach.
 - c. Please take note that these are National Technical Standards. Arizona uses them as a guide, but our contests are different in scope, so not all standards may be assessed.
 - d. National Technical Standards also require clothing and equipment/supplies that we may not require in Arizona. Refer to your Contest Update (see #2 below) for specifics related to Arizona contests.
2. The **Contest Updates**: This folder is found at [State Leadership & Skills Conference](#)
 - a. The contest update is the best communication from the Arizona tech chair to you and your students.
 - b. The contest updates show what to wear and what equipment/supplies your student must bring vs. what the contest committee supplies.
 - c. Contest updates are loaded all throughout March, so keep an eye on this folder.
 - d. Any changes that a tech chair might make will be added to the contest update. An email is also sent communicating that a change has been made.

Additionally, SkillsUSA Arizona will be hosting virtual meetings for many of our technical skill contests in early April. This is a great way for advisors to hear from contest chairs and state staff on expectations.

Winners and Scores

SkillsUSA Arizona Winners and Scores

SkillsUSA Arizona will announce the top three winners in each contest during the Awards Ceremony held late Wednesday afternoon, April 23, 2025. SkillsUSA Arizona will post the awards power point within a few days of SLSC.

In addition, score will be posted when available and these can only be located using the contestant number and date of birth of the competitor.

Best Practice Tip: It is a good idea to collect your competitor's name badges after the conference concludes, so that when the scores become available, you will be able to quickly find that information



Condensed Conference Agenda

Condensed Conference Agenda (agenda may be subject to change)

Monday, April 21, 2025:(tentative)

4-6pm: Registration

Tuesday, April 22, 2025:

7:00am: Registration Opens

7:30am: SkillsUSA Store Opens

8:00am: Opening Ceremony

8:45am: Check in to Contest Locations

9:00am: Contests Begin

10:30am: Advisor Meeting, Convention Center

11:30am (tentative): Pre-purchased lunch Arrives

1:30pm: Advisor Meeting, Hyatt Regency

4:30pm: (tentative):Contests Conclude

Wednesday, April 23, 2025:

7:00am: Registration Opens

7:30am: SkillsUSA Store Opens

7:30am: Judges' Orientation

8:00am (tentatively): Contests Begin

11:30am (tentatively): Pre-purchased Lunch arrives

Noon: House of Delegates

4:15pm: Ballroom Opens for Awards Ceremony

4:30pm: Awards Ceremony

6:30pm: Conference Concludes

House of Delegates and Courtesy Corps

House of Delegates

Each registered chapter will receive delegate name ribbons in their registration packet. Chapter members should carefully choose who will represent their chapter at the House of Delegates meeting on Wednesday, April 23, starting at noon. Delegates have the tremendous responsibility of electing the next state officer team, as well as voting on any business brought before the delegation.

Courtesy Corps

Do you have students who won't be competing at SLSC, but want to be a part of the conference experience? Think about our Courtesy Corps program, which offers students the opportunity to work with industry partners in work based learning opportunities while attending the SkillsUSA Arizona State Leadership and Skills Conference.

- Advisors can nominate up to 5 students to participate.
- Students **MUST** have an advisor or adult chaperone from the school with them at all times, and that advisor or adult chaperone must also be registered as a Courtesy Corps registrant.
- oThis advisor or adult chaperone **CANNOT** also be the advisor of students who are competing. The Courtesy Corps advisor will work alongside the students registered for Courtesy Corps.
- Important Know Before You Go virtual meeting will be held on April 17, 2025, at 4pm. Those who are registered will receive a zoom link to attend.
- Registration is \$25.00 for both students and advisors/adult chaperones.
- Registration includes a Courtesy Corps tshirt, lunch on the day assigned to work **AND** a certificate for community service hours served.
- Upon completion of registration of Courtesy Corps students and advisors, please fill out this form: <https://azed.jotform.com/243654746804060>

Downtown Phoenix

Things to Do in Downtown Phoenix:

Contests conclude on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, on or before 5:00pm. There are many great venues conveniently located near the Convention Center. Evening activities are up to each chapter to plan and pay for. Here are some popular attractions within walking distance to the Hyatt Regency:

Arizona Diamondbacks: [Arizona Diamondbacks Schedule](#)

810 Billiards and Bowling: [810 Billiards & Bowling Phoenix, AZ | Bowling Phoenix](#)

Civic Space Park: [Parks and Recreation Civic Space Park](#)

Arizona Center: [AZ Center - Shop, Dine, Live in the Heart of Downtown Phoenix - Arizona Center](#)

Arizona Science Center (closes at 4pm daily): [Home - Arizona Science Center](#)



Safety Tips

SLSC Safety Tips:

Always Remember your Badge

You will not be permitted to compete without your contestant name badge. Having your name badge with you at all times in the Convention Center is critical to your success. Keeping your name badge after the conference concludes will assure access to your scores when they are released.

Use the Buddy System

Choose at least one person to be your "buddy" during SLSC. Don't go anywhere without your buddy. Make sure your advisor know who your buddy is also.

Keep Your Advisor Informed:

Inform your students that they are to stay in contact with you at all times. YOU are their chaperone and in charge of them.

Be Observant at Your Hotel

Do not answer the door of your hotel without verifying who it is, and make sure to close the door securely once you enter the room. Always use the main entrance to the hotel. Only people assigned to a hotel room should enter the hotel room; there are many gathering areas in the Hyatt to have some social time like playing cards, networking, etc.