



SkillsUSA Colorado State Leadership and Skills Conference

April 7 – April 9, 2026

Conference Headquarters

Pueblo Convention Center
320 Central Main Street
Pueblo, CO 81003

Advisors,

Things are gearing up for the annual SkillsUSA Colorado State Leadership and Skills Conference (SLSC)! Carefully review the following details to register your students for the state championships this year.

Conference Registration Fee	
Attendee Type	Cost
Competitor	\$130
Advisor/Chaperone	\$120
Observer/Parent (Lunch not provided)	\$50
TeamWorks Team: There is an additional materials fee of \$200 per team	\$200
Models: No registration required if they are only models. Stop by the registration desk to get a lanyard and badge. (meals and conference tshirt not included)	

Announcements

- **Hotels** – We do not have a central hotel this year; you may stay at any hotel in the Pueblo area. There is a hotel list at the end of this packet.
- **Transportation** – Transportation will be provided from the Pueblo Convention Center to Pueblo Community College on April 7 & 8.
- **Online Testing**
 - All testing will be conducted online through the NOCTI platform prior to the conference. **Testing only includes the Professional Development Test (PDT).**
 - The testing window is **March 6-20, 2026**, by 7pm MST.
 - Advisors must submit their online testing dates and proctor names [via this form](#). Detailed information regarding online testing will be released soon.
 - All tests must be administered by a proctor at the school. The proctor cannot be the chapter advisor but can be another teacher or administrator.
 - When registering students, it is imperative that a valid email address is listed for each student. Do not duplicate email addresses.
 - Each contestant is required to take a Professional Development Test (PDT).
 - Testing log in will be emailed after March 4, 2026

Important Dates & Deadlines

February 20 at 9:00 am MST

- SLSC registration opens.
- <https://www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx>

March 1 by 7:00 pm MST

- State Officer Candidate application deadline.

March 3 by 7:00 pm MST

- Submit testing date(s), proctor name, and title to <https://form.asana.com/?k=NvIKN5yo8vbTKztfqu5EGq&d=1145010301449371>
 - [Professional Development Test Study Guide](#)
 - [Practice Test](#)- Click on try the Testing System
- SLSC registration deadline
 - **Registrations will not be accepted after the registration deadline.**
 - Registration refunds will not be processed after the registration deadline.
- Chapter of Excellence applications deadline [Chapter of Excellence Application](#)
- Advisor of the Year applications deadline [Advisor of the Year Application](#)

March 4-20 at 7:00 pm MST

- SLSC Online Testing window

March 13 at 7:00 pm MST

- SLSC payments must be received by SkillsUSA Colorado by March 13 at 7:00 pm MST. Please reference CO SkillsUSA on any check.
- Payments made after March 13 will incur a \$100 late fee.
- Make your check out to SkillsUSA Colorado and mail it to 9101 E Lowry Blvd, Denver, CO 80230
- All credit card payments will include a 4% credit card convenience fee.

March 27 by 7:00 pm MST

- Contestant Resume Upload
 - [Instructions](#)
 - [Upload Resume](#)
 - [Contest Categories](#)
 - [Resume Guidelines](#)

Competitive Event Information

- Students may compete in one event for each of the Skilled Trades and Leadership categories.
- All competitors must submit a one-page résumé online by March 27th as outlined above. **Failure to do so will result in a 10-point penalty.**
- Official SkillsUSA Red Binder is NOT required this year for state. Competitors moving on to NLSC will need to purchase a binder to compete at Nationals.
- Check the 2025-2026 Technical Standards on [Pathful](#) for contest information and what **contestants must supply**.
- The 2025-2026 competition theme is SkillsUSA: Champion Your Future <https://www.skillsusa.org/resources/member-resources/theme/>
- Contestants will be removed from the competition if they have not received proper training or if they use the equipment unsafely.
- Visit the [Event Summary/Eligibility](#) page for detailed information about the contest and eligibility.
- Contests with preconference requirements or prompts: information will be emailed to the contestant on **Mar 13, 2026**

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding the SkillsUSA Colorado State Leadership and Skills Conference.

Warmly,

Carri Senter

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Office: 720.858.2538

Conference Information

Special Accommodations

Complete the "Notes" portion in the registration system for members that require special accommodations. Examples of reasons students may need special accommodation include wheelchair access or interpreter services or food allergies, or IEP-determined accommodations. <https://skillsusa-register.org/>

Clothing Requirement

Black pants/skirts, white dress shirt & tie or blouse, or white polo shirt and black full closed-toe shoes are the minimum dress requirements for the opening and closing ceremonies. Students who are not in proper attire may not participate in conference activities, including testing, competitive events, and award ceremonies. **Students who are not in appropriate attire will not be allowed on stage to receive awards at the awards ceremony.**

For Wednesday Competition: Each student and advisor will receive a SkillsUSA Colorado t-shirt. **This is the official competition shirt for all competitive events only on Wednesday, April 7th.** All may wear this shirt with clean, hole-free jeans and clean, casual, or safety shoes (as the contest requires) on **WEDNESDAY only**. All shoes must be a closed-toe and closed heel.

The following should not be worn to any activity:

- Clothing and accessories which are sexually suggestive, which advertise drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products, or display profanity.
- See-through, tight-fitting, spaghetti straps, strapless, extremely short, or low-cut blouses/tops/dresses/skirts
- Pants or skirts that are worn below the hip bone; no undergarments may be showing.
- Spandex, leggings, stirrup pants, leotards, short shorts, cutoffs, or pajamas. If leggings are worn, shorts/skirt/dress must be an appropriate length over the leggings.
- Clothing that is stained, torn, or ripped
- Bare feet



Contestant Resumes

All contestants **must** upload their resume by March 27th by 7pm. Failure to do so will result in a 10-point penalty.

[Instructions](#)

[Upload Resume](#)

[Contest Categories](#)

[Resume Guidelines](#)

Online Testing

All tests will be taken online through the NOCTI platform. When registering students, it is imperative that a valid individual email address is listed for each student. **Do not duplicate email addresses.**

PDT Study Guide: [Professional Development Test Study Guide](#)

Testing must be scheduled during testing week, March 4-20, 2026. **All testing must be proctored by someone other than the advisor.**

Testing date(s), proctor name, and title must be submitted to <https://form.asana.com/?k=NvIKN5yo8vbTKztfgu5EGg&d=1145010301449371> by March 3, 2026.

Contest Rules/Technical Standards

The Official SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards guide all contests. All contest rules shall be as stated in the SkillsUSA Technical standards unless an exception has been made in the Colorado General Rules and Regulations. Contestants will be removed from the competition if proper training has not been provided and/or they are using the equipment in an unsafe manner.

General Competition Rules and Regulations

- Judges reserve the right to withhold first, second, or third place awards if performances are deemed below acceptable standards.
- The SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards apply to all contest rules, except where the Colorado General Rules and Regulations provide exceptions.
- **The decisions of the judges will be final.** The SkillsUSA Colorado State Advisor and/or the State Conference Grievance Committee will make final interpretations of all contest disputes. [Grievance Form](#)
- For any skills contest where only one school is competing, the State Director may certify the regional results as the official state results. A contest can be designated as the "state contest" if: a) only one region in the state has a qualified finisher in that category, and b) there is evidence that the winners participated in a contest of state-level quality. **For more information on contest certification, please contact the State Director.**

Conference Registration, Personal and Liability Release Form

A printed copy of the SLSC Conference Registration, Personal and Liability Release Form must be on file with the advisor for **each member attending the SLSC**. A blank SLSC Release Form can be downloaded using this link:

<https://bit.ly/SLSCLiabilityForm>. A **signed copy** of the Chapter Certification Form must be submitted at SLSC registration. The Chapter Certification Form can be downloaded using this link: <https://bit.ly/ChptCertForm23>

State Officer Elections

Being a state officer is the ultimate personal growth and student leadership experience within SkillsUSA. The skills learned through the state officer program will help these student leaders successfully serve the organization throughout their lives and future careers. The new Colorado State Officer Team will be chosen at this conference.

Interested candidates should complete the online officer application packet. All applications are due by **March 1, 2026**. The online application packet can be found on the website at <https://www.skillsusaco.org/become-a-state-officer>. The State Officer Program Guide can be downloaded using this link: **Coming Soon**

Questions: contact SkillsUSA Colorado State Officer Trainer, Danika Silerio state.officer.trainer@skillsusaco.org

Advisor Meeting

A **mandatory** advisor meeting will be held from 8:30pm – 9:30pm on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at Pueblo Convention Center

Meals

If you have a special dietary need, please note them during the registration process.

Wednesday, April 8, is the **only** day meals will be provided. Any meal not listed will be on your own. The meals listed below will be provided:

- A breakfast will be provided for all registered conference attendees, including contestants, advisors, chaperones, guests, and judges, at the Pueblo Convention center. A name badge is required for entrance.
- boxed lunches will be provided to all registered conference attendees, including contestants, advisors, chaperones, guests, and judges at all contest locations.

Community Service Opportunity

This year at the 2026 SkillsUSA Colorado State Leadership & Skills Conference, we're proud to do more than compete—we're coming together to make a real impact in our community. We're excited to announce our State Giveback Event, which will be benefiting the Child Advocacy Center of Pueblo, Colorado. The Child Advocacy Center provides critical support, comfort, and care to children and families navigating some of the most traumatic and challenging moments of their lives, and we get the chance to stand with them.

We'll be collecting donations of items that go directly toward creating safe, welcoming, and supportive spaces for kids and teens, including:

- Disinfectant sprays & wipes
- Snacks
- Capri Suns / juice boxes
- Coloring books for teens
- Fidget spinners

When you arrive in Pueblo for the 2026 State Leadership and Skills Conference the donation box can be found outside of meeting room 4-5 in the convention center. Let's come together and show our SkillsUSA pride by donating generously. Every item makes a difference! Help us bring comfort and joy to children in need!

Conference Schedule – Tuesday, April 7

The schedule is subject to change depending on weather and facility requirements/needs.

Time	Event	Location	Notes
10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Conference Registration	Pueblo Convention Center	No on-site new competitor registration.
10:00-2:00 pm	SkillsUSA Store	Pueblo Convention Center	Do not miss out on the chance to grab some fantastic SkillsUSA swag and essential supplies at our store—where excitement meets convenience, and we happily accept cash or Venmo!
1:00 – 5:00 pm	TECHSPO	Pueblo Convention Center and Pueblo Community College	Encourage students to visit with those that support SkillsUSA Colorado.
1:00 – 6:30 pm	Leadership Contests: • American Spirit (<i>team of 3</i>) • Community Service (<i>team of 3</i>) • Customer Service • Entrepreneurship (<i>team of 4</i>) • Related Technical Math • Welding Sculpture	Pueblo Community College	Competitors from local area schools and those who arrive early will be placed in the first time slots.
1:00 – 6:30 pm	Leadership Contests: • Chapter Display (<i>team of 3</i>) • Facilitator • Job Interview • Job Skill Demonstration A • Job Skill Demonstration Open • Pin Design • Promotional Bulletin Board (<i>team of 3</i>) • T-shirt Design	Pueblo Convention Center	Competitors from local area schools and those who arrive early will be placed in the first time slots.
1:00 – 6:30 pm	Leadership Contests: • Extemporaneous Speech • Opening / Closing Ceremonies (<i>team of 7</i>) • Prepared Speech	Memorial Hall	
5:00-6:00 pm	Contest Orientation: • Automotive Service • Maintenance & Light Repair • Power Equipment Tech	Pueblo Community College	Attendance is mandatory.
5:00-6:00 pm	Contest Orientation: • Automotive Refinishing • Collision Damage Appraisal • Collision Repair • Welding	Pueblo Community College	Safety glasses/shoes required. Attendance is mandatory.
5:00-6:00 pm	Contest Orientation: • Digital Cinema Production (<i>team of 2</i>) • Video Production (<i>team of 2</i>) • Video News Production	Pueblo Community College	Attendance is mandatory.
5:00-6:00 pm	Contest Orientation: • Cabinetmaking • Carpentry • Electrical Construction Wiring • Masonry • Plumbing • Teamworks	Pueblo Convention Center	Safety glasses/shoes required. Attendance is mandatory.
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Opening Ceremony	Memorial Hall	All guests must be seated by 6:55 pm.
8:30 – 9:30 pm	MANDATORY Advisor Meeting	Green Room at Memorial Hall	
8:15 – 10:00 pm	Delegate Business Session • Candidate speeches • Meet the candidates	Pueblo Convention Center	Attendance is mandatory for all delegates.

Curfew established by local chapter advisor, not to exceed 11:30 pm.

Conference Schedule – Wednesday, April 8

The schedule is subject to change. Lunch will be provided for all registered conference participants and judges.

Time	Event	Location	Notes
6:00 – 7:30 am	Breakfast	Pueblo Convention Center	Conference name badge required.
8:00 am – 4:00pm	TECHSPO	Pueblo Convention Center/Pueblo Community College	Encourage students to visit with those that support SkillsUSA Colorado.
7:30-4:00 pm	SkillsUSA Store	Pueblo Convention Center	Do not miss out on the chance to grab some fantastic SkillsUSA swag and essential supplies at our store—where excitement meets convenience, and we happily accept cash or Venmo!
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Skilled & Technical Contests: Arts and Communication • 3-D Visualization & Animation (<i>team of 2</i>) • Audio Production (<i>team of 2</i>) • Interactive Application and Video Game Design (<i>team of 2</i>) • Photography • Video Production (<i>team of 2</i>) • Video News Production (<i>team of 4</i>) • Web Design and Development (<i>team of 2</i>)	Pueblo Community College 900 W. Orman Avenue Pueblo 81004 <i>* Approx. 5 minutes (2.0 miles) from Convention Center</i>	
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Skilled & Technical Contests: Drafting, Manufacturing and Robotics • Additive Manufacturing (<i>team of 2</i>) • Architectural Drafting • Automated Manufacturing (<i>team of 3</i>) • CNC 2-Axis Turning Programmer • CNC 3-Axis Milling Programmer • CNC 5-Axis Milling Programmer • CNC Programmer • Robotics Urban Search and Rescue	Pueblo Community College 900 W. Orman Avenue Pueblo 81004 <i>* Approx. 5 minutes (2.0 miles) from Convention Center</i>	
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Skilled & Technical Contests: Human Services • Barbering • Cosmetology • Esthetics • Nail Care	Pueblo Community College 900 W. Orman Avenue Pueblo 81004 <i>* Approx. 5 minutes (2.0 miles) from Convention Center</i>	
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Skilled & Technical Contests: Information Technology • Computer Programming • Cybersecurity (<i>team of 2</i>) • Internetworking	Pueblo Community College 900 W. Orman Avenue Pueblo 81004 <i>* Approx. 5 minutes (2.0 miles) from Convention Center</i>	
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Skilled & Technical Contests: Public Safety • Crime Scene Investigation (<i>team of 3</i>) • Criminal Justice • Firefighting • First Aid and CPR	Pueblo Community College 900 W. Orman Avenue Pueblo 81004 <i>* Approx. 5 minutes (2.0 miles) from Convention Center</i>	
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Skilled & Technical Contests: Transportation Distribution and Logistics • Automotive Refinishing Technology • Automotive Service Technology • Collision Damage Appraisal • Collision Repair Technology • Diesel Equipment Technology • Maintenance and Light Repair • Motorcycle Service Tech • Power Equipment Technology	Pueblo Community College 900 W. Orman Avenue Pueblo 81004 <i>* Approx. 5 minutes (2.0 miles) from Convention Center</i>	
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Skilled & Technical Contests: Welding • Welding • Welding Fabrication (<i>team of 3</i>) • Welding Sculpture	Pueblo Community College 900 W. Orman Avenue Pueblo 81004 <i>* Approx. 5 minutes (2.0 miles) from Convention Center</i>	

Contests at Pueblo Convention Center

8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Skilled & Technical Contests: Architecture and Construction • Cabinetmaking • Carpentry • Electrical Construction Wiring • Masonry • Plumbing • Teamworks (<i>team of 4</i>)	<u>Pueblo Convention Center</u>	
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Skilled & Technical Contests: Arts and Communication • Advertising Design • Interactive Application and Video Game Design (<i>team of 2</i>) • Digital Cinema Production (<i>team of 2</i>)	<u>Pueblo Convention Center</u>	
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Skilled & Technical Contests: Information Technology • Information Technology Services • Engineering Tech and Design (<i>team of 3</i>)	<u>Pueblo Convention Center</u>	
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Skilled & Technical Contests: Drafting, Manufacturing and Robotics • Commercial sUAS Drone • Technical Drafting • Mobile Robotics Technology (<i>team of 2</i>) • Robotics and Automation Tech (<i>team of 2</i>) • Robotics Urban Search and Rescue	<u>Pueblo Convention Center</u>	
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Skilled & Technical Contests: Health Science • Medical Terminology	<u>Pueblo Convention Center</u>	
7:30 - 10:30 pm	Student/Advisor Social DJ, games, prizes, light refreshments	<u>Pueblo Convention Center</u>	Come relax and celebrate

Curfews established by local chapter advisor, not to exceed 11:30 pm.

Conference Schedule – Thursday, April 9

The schedule is subject to change depending on weather and facility requirements/needs.

Time	Event	Location	Notes
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	TECHSPO	Pueblo Convention Center/Pueblo Community College	Encourage students to visit with those that support SkillsUSA Colorado.
8:00-10 am	SkillsUSA Store	Pueblo Convention Center	Don't miss out on the chance to grab some fantastic SkillsUSA swag and essential supplies at our store—where excitement meets convenience, and we happily accept cash or Venmo!
8:00 – 9:30 am	Quiz Bowl (<i>team of 5-7</i>)	Pueblo Convention Center	Open to spectators. Please encourage all members to attend this fun event! <i>This year's competition will include an online written test. Per national regulation, the average of the team's written test score will account for 20% of the final score.</i>
1:30 pm	Awards Ceremony	Memorial Hall	All guests must be seated by 1:25 pm. All competitors must abide by the dress code outlined above.

Online Testing

SkillsUSA Colorado will be conducting online testing prior to the State Leadership and Skills Conference.

Why is this being done?

Online, pre-conference testing will save considerable time during the State Leadership and Skills Conference. Students will be able to satisfy any testing requirements for their contest along with the professional development test that is required for all competitors. This approach not only eliminates the need for students to gather in a central location for testing during the conference but also alleviates the stress of testing, allowing them to focus solely on the remainder of the competition.

How will this be facilitated?

SkillsUSA Colorado will facilitate online testing through an online testing portal. The state director will send proctors a list of competitors along with test codes and passwords prior to the test window opening. The proctor will supply login credentials on the day scheduled for students to test.

What do I do if my student cannot access their test(s)?

If a student is having an issue logging into testing using the provided test credentials, you can contact the SkillsUSA Customer Care Team at customercare@skillsusa.org or by phone at 844-875-4557. The Customer Care Team can verify testing credentials for registered competitors.

Will I, as an advisor, have my own account?

No. There is no action for advisors to complete; therefore, there will be no account provided for advisors to access contest testing materials. Doing so also ensures the security of testing materials.

What are the testing dates?

The testing window will open **March 4-20, 2026**. Your students may take their tests anytime during the testing window.

How do I ensure testing integrity?

All tests will be administered by a proctor at the school. The proctor cannot be the chapter advisor but can be another teacher or administrator.

All contest testing information, questions, answers, figures, images, and any other material should not be transmitted or reproduced by any student or advisor. The testing platform employs the following measures to ensure that testing material remains confidential and secure:

- Right Clicking is disabled. No test-taker will have the ability to copy, paste, print, or perform any other "right click" function while taking a contest assessment.
- Tab/Window Switching is disabled during the assessment; students may NOT switch tabs or browser windows. Switching tabs or browser windows will automatically submit your test in its current state. **NO RETAKES WILL BE ALLOWED**
- Questions and Answers are randomized within each assessment and appear different for each user. If a student has an inquiry about a specific question, they need to reference the question instead of the question number.

Hotel Information

It is the advisor's responsibility to book and pay for the hotel. We have secured courtesy room blocks with special pricing at the hotels indicated below. Reservations are first come first served. Transportation from the hotel to the convention center is not provided.

Courtesy Room Blocks:

Walking distance to Pueblo Convention Center

Courtyard by Marriott- **BLOCK IS FULLY BOOKED**

110 W. 1st Street, W City Center Drive, Pueblo 81003

[Marriott.com](https://www.marriott.com)

- Discount Rate: \$179.00 per night, plus 11.9% tax.
- Reservations: Call-in & reservation link
- Reservation Due Date: March 10, 2026
- Room Charges: Pending (each school's request)
- Payment: Each school will be responsible for providing payment for their own reservations

Springhill Suites by Marriott

150 S Santa Fe Ave, Pueblo, CO 81003 [Marriott.com](https://www.marriott.com)

- Discount Rate: \$129.00 per night, plus tax.
- Reservations: Call-in & reservation link mpelham@jacaruso.com
- Reservation Due Date: March 8, 2026
- Room Charges: Pending (each school's request)
- Payment: Each school will be responsible for providing payment for their own reservations

TownePlace Suites Downtown

170 S Santa Fe Ave, Pueblo, CO 81003

- Discount Rate: \$139.00 per night plus tax.
- Reservations: [Book your group rate for SkillsUSA](#)
- Reservation Due Date: March 8, 2026
- Room Charges: Pending (each school's request)
- Payment: Each school will be responsible for providing payment for their own reservations
- Additional Notes: Tax Exempt Documents (If Applicable) should be Sent to Towneplace.Downtown@outlook.com
 - Tax information and forms may be found at: <https://www.pueblo.us/182/Sales-Use-Tax-Forms>.

9 Miles from Pueblo Convention Center

Extended Stay America Premier Pueblo

6020 N Elizabeth Street

- Discount Rate: \$110.00 per night, plus tax.
- Reservations: [Booking Link](#) Stanton.moore@aimbridge.com
970-366-6006
- Reservation Due Date: March 8, 2026
- Room Charges: Pending (each school's request)
- Payment: Each school will be responsible for providing payment for their own reservations

Additional Hotels: Since pricing isn't listed, you can negotiate a price or redeem your rewards.

3 Miles from Pueblo Convention Center

Baymont by Wyndham Pueblo
3626 N. Freeway Road, Pueblo 81008 Wyndhamhotels.com

Comfort Inn & Suites Pueblo
3910 Outlook Blvd., Pueblo 81008 Choicehotels.com

Super 8 by Wyndham Pueblo 1100 Hwy 50 W, Pueblo 81008 Wyndhamhotels.com

Clarion Inn and Events Center Pueblo North 4001 N Elizabeth St., Pueblo 81008 Choicehotels.com

4 Miles from Pueblo Convention Center La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Pueblo 4801 N Elizabeth St, Pueblo 81008 Wyndhamhotels.com

Wingate by Wyndham Pueblo
4711 North Elizabeth, Eagleridge and Elizabeth, Pueblo 81008
Wyndhamhotels.com

Quality Inn I-25
670 Eagleridge Blvd, Pueblo 81008 Choicehotels.com

Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham Pueblo 3343 Gateway Dr. Pueblo 81004 Wyndhamhotels.com

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Pueblo North 4530 Dillon Drive, Pueblo 81008
lhg.com

Best Western Plus Eagleridge Inn & Suites 4727 N. Elizabeth Street, Pueblo 81008 Bestwestern.com

Hampton Inn and Suites Pueblo/North 4790 Eagleridge Circle, Pueblo 81008 Hilton.com

Hampton Inn and Suites Pueblo-Southgate 3315 Gateway Dr., Pueblo 81004
Hilton.com