



Competition List Explained

2025-2026

Competition

This is the official competition name.

Georgia Career Cluster

We have aligned each competition to one of the State Board of Education-approved CTAE Career Pathways. [Learn More](#)

Many of our competitions are available to all career clusters as they are leadership competitions in nature that apply to all careers.

SkillsUSA Category

SkillsUSA breaks competitions down into three categories (Leadership, Occupationally Related, and Skilled and Technical) that determine whether or not a student is eligible to compete. When an advisor registers a student for a competition, they are verifying that their students meet this eligibility. [Learn More](#)

State-Only Competitions are open to all students, no matter their program of study.

Leadership

In addition to the [16 Career Clusters](#) established for career and technical education training programs, SkillsUSA has established an additional Leadership Competition Cluster where related skills can be demonstrated in a competitive setting. The leadership competitions are open solely to SkillsUSA members, regardless of their training program area.

Occupationally Related

Most occupationally related competitions are open to SkillsUSA members enrolled in any career and technical program, as these competitions represent skills that are not unique to any one Career Cluster or training area. For example, competitions like Occupational Health and Safety and Related Technical Math are in this category because safety and mathematical concepts are part of many career and technical education programs. Another example is Entrepreneurship, through which any student interested in opening their own business can showcase their business plan.

Skilled and Technical

Participants in these competitions must meet the occupational training program eligibility requirements set forth in each competition description. In this category, eligibility is directly aligned to the occupational objectives of the competitor's program of study.

Competition Guidelines

National competitions use the National Technical Standards. National Technical Standards can be found via Pathful. You are granted access to Pathful after registering as a SkillsUSA professional member. [Learn More](#)

State-only competitions use the State Technical Standards. State Technical Standards are linked directly on the [SkillsUSA Georgia Competition List](#).

National Competition Updates

Any changes to the technical standards from the national office or national technical committees will be posted here. These should be followed in addition to the State Competition Updates.

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Clothing Classifications

Required competition uniforms are linked in this column. The competition's technical standards will outline which class of competition attire is required.

SLSC 26 Prompts/Themes

Competitions that require a prompt or theme will have the prompt or theme linked in this column. Please also check the [national competition updates](#) and [state competition updates](#) for additional information.

HS SLSC Qualifier

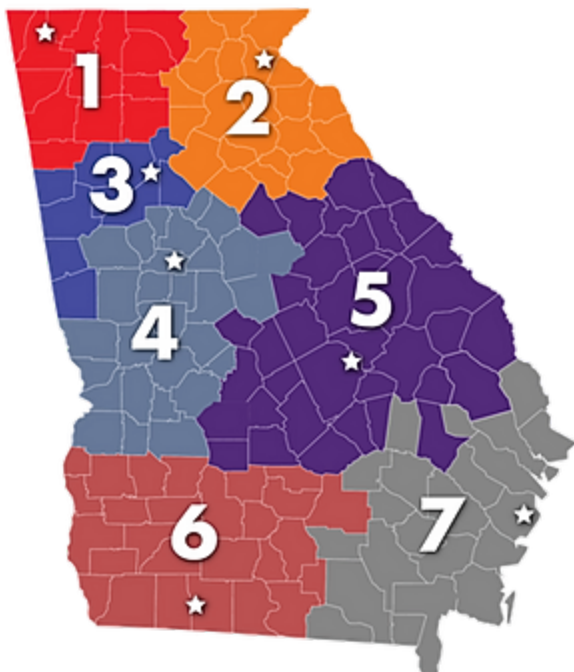
Some of our competitions are in high demand and require a qualifier in order for a student to compete at the state level. There are 4 different types of qualifiers:

AGC Skills Challenges

All of our construction region competitions have moved to the AGC Skills Challenges from the Region Championships. Students can qualify at their home AGC region. Each AGC region will advance SkillsUSA members in each qualifying competition to State Leadership and Skills Conference. [Learn More](#)

Region Championships

We have 7 different SkillsUSA Georgia regions. The same competitions are held in each of these 7 regions. The top 3 finalists in each competition at a SkillsUSA Georgia region will advance to State Leadership and Skills Conference. [Learn More](#)



State-Qualifying Exam

Some of the competitions we host at the state level require a qualifier but if regions do not have the capability to host the competition in-person or the first part of the competition is test-only by nature, we will offer them as a state qualifying exam. Competitions that are hosted as a state qualifying exam take the top overall scores no matter their region. [Learn More](#)

Presubmission Qualifier

The only presubmission qualifier in 2025-2026 is Video News Production. Because this is a skilled and technical competition that requires a certain knowledge level from industry judges and is not feasible to host in each region due to timing and equipment needs, we have worked with our State Technical Chair to offer a presubmission opportunity that will be judged virtually. This opportunity will be held in December. [Learn More](#)

SLSC 26 Avail to MS

If there is an x in this column, it means that it is available for middle school members to participate in.

SLSC 26 Avail to HS

If there is an x in this column, it means that it is available for high school members to participate in.

SLSC 26 School Limit

This is the amount of individuals/teams you can send per school. The majority of competitions have a school limit of 1, but there are some exceptions.

SLSC 26 Team Limit

This column identifies whether or not the competition is an individual or team event, and how many are allowed per team.

SLSC 26 Format

While we wish every competition could be hosted in person, we have to work with the time, space, and resources available to us. Competitions vary in format:

On-Site Competition

The competition is held on-site at the State Leadership and Skills Conference at the Georgia World Congress Center or the Omni Atlanta at Centennial Park.

Off-Site Competition

The competition is held during the State Leadership and Skills Conference, but at an off-site location. SkillsUSA Georgia will arrange busing to off-site locations.

Presubmission Only

The competition is held asynchronously and requires competitors to upload competition components during the presubmission window. The presubmission window opens on **Jan. 26** and closes on **Feb. 6, 2026, at 5 p.m.**

Online Assessment

The competition is held asynchronously and requires competitors to take an online exam during the testing window. The testing window opens on **Jan. 26** and closes on **Feb. 6, 2026, at 5 p.m.**

PDT Required

If there is an x in this column, the competitor is required to take the SkillsUSA Professional Development Test. More information can be found in the [SLSC 2026 - Competition Updates document](#).

Online Technical Test Required

If there is an x in this column, the competitor is required to take an online technical assessment per the technical standards. More information can be found in the [SLSC 2026 - Competition Updates document](#).

Advance to NLSC

This column identifies whether or not the state champion advances to National Leadership and Skills Conference. Only national competitions can advance. State-only competitions are not offered past State Leadership and Skills Conference.