



Firefighting

To evaluate each competitor's preparation for employment and to recognize outstanding students for excellence and professionalism in the field of firefighting.

On-Site/Off-Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On-Site
Contest Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3/18/2025
Contest Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Convention Center ● A-Hall
Early/Normal Start Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Normal Start Time ● Registration will open at 8:00am. Please report to B-Hall Show Office for Registration. ● Competition will begin at 10:00am.
Contest Open/Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Open ● Exhibit Halls do not open to observers until 12:00pm.
Eligibility & Contest Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Please refer to the Program Guidelines for eligibility- https://www.ohioskillsusa.org/resources/ ● Straight to State Contest (No Regional Qualifier)
Clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>For Competition Day the Dress Code is:</u> Class E ● <u>For the Awards Ceremony the Dress Code is:</u> Class A or Class J ● 2025 SkillsUSA Ohio Clothing Guide
Safety Equipment Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A
Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students should be prepared to take a written knowledge test.
Provided by Contestant (Tool List)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete set of firefighter's personal protective equipment, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Helmet with face shield and chin strap. ○ Bunker coat and pant with liners. ○ Standard fire boots. (With steel toe/shank/shin guard.)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nomex hood and fire gloves. (No extrication Gloves) ○ Full SCBA and face piece ● Pen and/or pencil for written test. (Included in orientation.) ● All competitors must create a one-page resume and submit a hard copy to the technical committee chair at orientation. <p><i>Failure to do so will result in a 10-point penalty.</i></p>
<p>Contest Notes, Themes, & Deadlines</p>	<p>Knowledge Performance</p> <p>The contest will include a written knowledge exam assessing general knowledge of firefighting. The following is a list of materials used in the formation of the competition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills 4th edition SkillsUSA Leadership Handbook NFPA Standards <p>** The following stations may not be an all-inclusive list and competitors should be prepared to perform any skills from the National Technical Standards or the NFPA Standards.</p> <p>Industry Question</p> <p>Students will be asked, as they proceed to the physical testing area, an industry question. They will be given five minutes to describe and talk about the question. An example could be “tell me about back draft and flashover in modern day construction”. There will be a rubric that the judge will follow in order to look for points to be made.</p> <p>Skill Performance</p> <p>The contest will include 6 stations assessing skills needed for firefighting.</p> <p>Note at any time during the course the evaluator may stop the course due to unsafe acts. IF there is an unsafe act the evaluator will notify the contest coordinator to determine if the contestant can continue the course or be disqualified.</p> <p>There is no running at any time during this course. If the contestant is running, they will be given a warning. After the first warning they will then be assessed a 10 second penalty for each time they are running. They may walk fast but shall not run.</p> <p>Station 1- Gear Donning - PPE-</p> <p>Station 2- Hose Work/Engine Station</p>

	<p>Station 3- Sledge Station</p> <p>Station 4- Ladder Station</p> <p>Station 5- Ropes and Knots. Contestants must know how to tie the following knots:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Safety Knot ○ Half Hitch ○ Clove Hitch ○ Figure Eight ○ Figure Eight on a Bight ○ Figure Eight Follow-Through ○ Figure Eight Bend ○ Bowline ○ Sheet Bend <p>Station 6 - Contestants must prepare a tool for hoisting using ropes and knots. This will be done in accordance with the NFPA standard. It will be one of the following tools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Axe ○ Pike Pole ○ Ladder
<p>WIFI Provided?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No
<p>Special Notes/Rules for All Contests</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Started in 2024, all Skilled Trade State Contests (most leadership contests already use scenarios) will begin to add a scenario-based component. ● <u>Wi-Fi will NOT BE AVAILABLE unless listed above</u>. If you need WIFI access please plan to bring a hotspot. ● All safety requirements will be heavily enforced. Competitors are to follow all safety standards and OSHA Regulations ● <i>Contestants MUST HAVE A COPY OF THEIR EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORM IN THEIR NAME BADGE AT ALL TIMES</i> ● <u>THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROHIBITED; VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MAY RESULT IN COMPETITOR DISQUALIFICATION:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contact with Contest Coordinators is prohibited. Contact with Contest Coordinators outside of the SkillsUSA Ohio is strictly prohibited. ● Possession of smart watches and/or phones during the contest and/or in contest. ● Contact with anyone outside of the contest area once the contest begins. ● Inappropriate communication between contestants such as verbally degrading another contest.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Cheating on any portion of the contest such as informing another contestant of the skills/test prior to competing.● Lack of Copy Emergency Medical Form in Name Badge.
National Technical Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Please refer to the 2024-2026 National Technical Standards for all contests. All standards included may be tested in any competition.● In conjunction with National Standards, lack of understanding of State Level competition standards (this document) may result in student loss of contest.
Resume/Interview Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● All SkillsUSA Ohio State Championship Contests will require a short interview component. Students should be prepared with basic job interview skills.● All contestants <u>must have a hard copy</u> of a one (1) page personal resume.