



Photography

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

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 ● B-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/ ● Regional Qualifier Contest (Must attend and place in the top 4 at Regionals to Qualify to Compete at State Level)
Clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>For Competition Day the Dress Code is:</u> Class F ● <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 photography knowledge test.
Provided by Contestant (Tool List)	<p>Documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contestant badge (must only have contestant # showing)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Emergency Medical Form (folded & placed behind contestant # badge) ● Printed Resume from Contestant ● One (1) mounted photographic image for Print Competition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each student will submit one (1) photograph to be judged and displayed at the competition. Requirements for the print are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Print size must be no more/less than approx. 80 sq. inches (e.g., 8x10, 10x8, 7x11, 9x9, etc.) - Must be mounted on a white ¼” foam board measuring 11”x14” in either a vertical or horizontal orientation No widow matts and no identification of any kind on print or board. - The total thickness of the finished piece to be a foam core, white board. - Adheres to no specific theme. Can be color, black & white, toned, straight, manipulated, any subject, etc. - Print will be submitted at the orientation portion of contest. - A label will be given to the student indicating their contestant number. This is to be placed in lower right-hand corner on the front of the mount board. <p>Personal Tools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Digital interchangeable lens (ILT) camera ● Camera accessories: to include but not limited to a minimum of (1) fully charged battery, (1) formatted/empty 16GB memory card, card reader or connection cord for download ● Computer with a USB port or drive (laptop preferred) ● Image editing software (Adobe Photoshop CC or higher suggested) Have admin rights to ADOBE ● Computer accessories: to include but not limited to a minimum of (1) 25’ extension cord, (1) multi-outlet, surge protected power strip, and mouse pad (for image editing) ● Two (2) #2 lead pencils ● Optional: Hand-held light, photographic meter (strongly suggested) ● Additional accessories are acceptable and up to the discretion of the student (e.g., flash (not allowed in any event area), reflector, additional lenses, filters, hand-held meter, etc.)
<p>Contest Notes, Themes, & Deadlines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All equipment brought on the “field assignment” must be carried by the student (in essence, one medium-large camera bag). ● Possible Field Assignment Themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diagonal line - S-Curve line - Circular line - Contrast

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shape - Color - Texture - Abstract - Selective focus - Pattern - Repetition - Opposites - High key - Low Key - Camera angle - Motion - Rule of Thirds - Non-symmetrical Balance - Symmetrical balance - Random (Judges Choice) ● Possible Digital Troubleshooting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blooming - Jpeg Artifacts (over-compression) - Moire - Aliasing - Posterization - Improper white balance - Over-Sharpening - Clogged Ink-Jet printer nozzle - Noise - Sensor Artifacts (dust, dirt & debris) - Newton Rings - Lens Flare - Lens/Shade/Filter Vignette - Camera Shake - Out of Focus - Wrong Flash Sync Speed - Lens Aberration (Distortion/Color Fringing) ● Digital Image Editing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Common image processing edits - Potential masking and layering or compositing - Image files provided ● Product Light Set-Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> oEstablish light quality & pattern oLight ratio <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evaluate exposure with hand-held light meter. ● Creative control (props, set-up)
WIFI Provided?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yes

<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> ● 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. ● 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.
<p>National Technical Standards</p>	<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.
<p>Resume/Interview Requirement</p>	<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.