

Official Rules

SkillsUSA National Conference

Pin & T-Shirt Design Contest

SkillsUSA is sponsoring a national conference pin design competition that is open to all dues-paying student members of the organization. The winning design will become the official pin for the 2010 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. The pin will be produced by the SkillsUSA Supply Service.

Only one winner will be selected. All entries must be submitted to SkillsUSA exactly as directed in the rules below, and all entries become the property of SkillsUSA once submitted.

Eligibility

This competition is open to all active SkillsUSA student members who are enrolled in a career and technical education program at a high school or college/postsecondary institution with an active chapter.

Membership for the 2009-10 school year for the winner will be verified by the national headquarters (the name must appear on a roster for this school year). Only one entry per SkillsUSA member is permitted.

Deadline

ALL entries must be received in the SkillsUSA national office by Feb. 1, 2010 by mail (no electronic entries due to issues with receiving large electronic files, printing files with accurate colors, etc.)

Judging

All entries will be judged by the national headquarters staff of SkillsUSA and the industry sponsor for the event. The winner of the competition will be announced in April 2010. This contest may or may not be held in the future, and there may or may not be additional rules and requirements.

Materials and Specifications

All entries to this competition must comply with the following materials and specifications:

- All entries must be rendered in color (full color or two color)
- Preferably, entries will be created in a design software package such as Illustrator, Photoshop or Freehand. Entries may also be hand-drawn, painted or rendered in colored pencils or markers.
- All entries should be submitted with two versions of the art on a single page. The larger version is for judging the T-shirt contest. The smaller version is for judging the pin contest. The larger version should be approximately 7-inches wide x 7-inches tall. The smaller version should be approximately 1-inch x 1-inch tall. Both versions should be identical. The art does not have to be square, nor to these exact dimensions.
- Dimensions of the pin when produced will be approximately 1-inch tall by the necessary width. For the T-shirt, the art will be adjusted to fit the front or back of the shirt and industry logos may be added to shirt.
- All entries MUST include the following EXACT wording:

SkillsUSA
NLSC 2010
Kansas City

- The SkillsUSA emblem or SkillsUSA logo (whole or elements of either) SHOULD NOT appear on the pin.
- All copyright laws must be followed in the creation of the design.
- Please label the back of your artwork with the following:

Artist's name
Advisor's name
Training program
School name, address and phone number

- The student must keep a copy of his or her original design until results are announced. Upon notification, the winner will be required to submit his or her artwork in the native software file to national headquarters by e-mail or other means, for production purposes. SkillsUSA cannot guarantee return of any materials. If the art was not rendered electronically but is selected as the winner, SkillsUSA will have the artwork rendered according to the original design, but to our own specifications.
- SkillsUSA retains the right to make modifications to the final design as necessary in order to produce a pin or T-shirt to our standards and to the manufacturer's specifications and abilities.
- Incomplete entries that do not comply with the above requirements will be disqualified.

Submitting Your Design

Create your design according to the above specifications. When your design is ready to submit, mail it to:

**SkillsUSA Pin Contest
SkillsUSA
14001 SkillsUSA Way
Leesburg, VA 20176**

Questions? Submit any questions by e-mail to anyinfo@skillsusa.org
or call 703-777-8810 on Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To see previous winning designs, go to:

<http://skillsusa.org/pindesign.shtml>

Awards

There will be one national winner each for the Pin Contest and the T-Shirt Contest, who receives:

- Plaque with winning design for each student and advisor (Pin Contest and T-Shirt Contest)
- An award from a SkillsUSA industry partner, valued at approximately \$500 for each student winner
- A program grant for lab or technology improvement may be provided to the winner's school
- Two complimentary registrations for the national conference, if the winner and advisor can attend. Note: travel to national conference is the responsibility of the winner or his/her school.
- Recognition of the winner and his or her school on the national SkillsUSA Web site
- The student and his/her advisor will be recognized at a SkillsUSA national conference event
- Official event sponsor and modified or additional awards will be announced in November 2009