



## **CONTEST INFORMATION FOR T-SHIRT DESIGN (PRESENTATION)**

This document is provided to help competitors understand the process of how the contest works. It contains answers to commonly asked questions, what a competitor can expect to happen during the contest, and the process.

The tool list and contest information is also included in this list.

*\*If there are any updates, this document will be updated and notification of the document being updated will be posted on the State Technology College’s website: <https://www.statetechmo.edu/skillsusa/index.php>*

### **Supplied by the Contestant**

- Two copies of finalized rendering of the TShirt design printed on 8-½” x 11” paper**  
One printout will be left behind for judging.
- Easel for presentation**—This may be a floor easel or a table top easel.
- Supporting materials for the presentation and interview**
- Display**—This will be setup on a table placing your designs on display prior to the contest. Displays will need to be set up on Thursday between 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Displays must be picked up by 4 p.m.
- Resume**—Uploaded by March 18th

### **Clothing Requirement**

Students should wear the official SkillsUSA attire as listed in the Technical Standards. No exceptions. Please see the [SkillsUSA Missouri State Conference Clothing Requirement](#) for more information.

### **TShirt Design Presentation Contest Location and Time**

**Date:** Thursday, April 7

**Time:** 1:30 P.M.–Completion (*estimated time is 4:00 p.m.*)

#### **Contest Location:**

Vehicle Power Center - STC (7)

*Room ? = Contest introduction for t-shirt and pin design presentation contests*

*Room ? = Contest will take place in this room*

#### **Estimated Timeline:**

#### **THURSDAY**

10:00–1:30	Room TBD	Setup display of TShirt design
1:45–2:00	Room TBD	Attendance; contest briefing; introduction of judges
2:10–?	Room TBD	Contest begins; students wait in hallway

## **What to Expect During the Contest**

**The Presentation component of the contest** is a 5–7 minute presentation that the student gives in front of the judges about their TShirt design. Students should follow the Technical Standards as to what their presentation should cover. The judges sit directly in front of the contestant and can see a laptop screen perfectly in the event a student wants to create a digital presentation.

**The Display component of the contest** is a display to present your TShirt design to the public. Most importantly, **the display is NOT JUDGED**. Think of the display as props for the presentation. During the week-long national contest, TShirt designs are on display for the viewing public, therefore, it is required to have a display that shows off your work. The table space is about 36”x30” (though it’s not really measured, just approximate)... they mostly just give students about half of the table (which are about 6-8 feet in length). This will allow for two student displays per table. The display portion is at state because it is required at nationals. This will give students practice prior to going to nationals. Here is a link to access photos taken from the 2014 Nationals TShirt design displays. <http://bit.ly/TshirtDesignPicsNationals>

**Your opinion, please....** Before students are allowed to “officially” leave the contest area, they are asked to submit a survey about their experience during the State conference. The contestant is not technically finished until the survey has been taken and turned back into the contest officials. The contestant will then be released from the contest to leave.

## **How the Contest Works**

Students will set up their displays in the hallway area outside the contest rooms (due to space limitations, please allow for two displays per table, please). There is 30 minutes given to set up displays after the Opening Ceremony. All displays need to be set up for public viewing by 1:30 p.m. You may also set up before OCC.

Students will report to the contest briefing location. The TShirt and Pin Design contests both are held in the same room for the contest briefing. Students need to be in appropriate dress during the contest briefing. Numbers will be drawn to determine the order to present—regardless if someone wants to go first or last. A brief overview will be discussed on how the timers work, and the procedure of coming into the room and getting setup, etc. The judges will then be introduced. Students will have the opportunity to ask any questions at this point.

Students are released to wait in the hallway seating area, just outside the contest rooms. Contest coordinators will be sitting in chairs outside the doorways of both rooms. When judges signal they are ready, the coordinators will call the first presenters. The presenters will enter the judging area into the appropriate room with everything they need to give their presentation. Students may bring any piece (or pieces) of their display into the presentation room. At the national contest, many easels used for the displays were actually used during the student presentation.

Once a student has given their presentation, any items belonging to the display need to be returned. The student can be officially released from the contest area once they have filled out the survey and turned it into the contest coordinator. Then they may leave and take their display with them (or return later in the day to pick it up).

### **A few quick responses to common questions during the contest:**

- Draw numbers to determine order to present.
- Once you present you can leave, as long as you have turned in your survey.
- Displays are not judged!
- Bring an extra copy of your design printout to leave behind for judging.

*See the complete list of commonly asked questions from previous contest years at the end of this document (pages 6-7).*

## **General Info • Helpful Things You Need to Know**

★ **When packing your display...**

It is a good idea to set up your display right before you pack it to ensure you have everything you need. Then pack up your display.

★ **Displays are not judged.** At Nationals, they want the designs placed on display for the viewing public, therefore they require a display. This display is set up on the tables immediately after the contest briefing. When it is time for a student to present, they can pull whatever they need off their display and carry it into the judging area for their presentation. After the presentation, they need to return the items back to the display and then fill out the survey. This is a presentation contest that has the majority of the points based primarily on the presentation. The fact whether or not a student has set up a display has no point value whatsoever; it isn't even listed on the scoring sheet.

★ **Bring one extra printed 8.5"x11" copy of your design to leave behind for judging.** After a contestant presents to the judges, they will leave a printed copy of their t-shirt design behind for the judges to use for final scoring. This will allow the student to leave the contest without waiting for judging to be final.

★ **A timer is available for contestants to start/stop.** There will be a timer that will be available for the contestant to start when he/she is ready to begin and stop when finished with their presentation. This is how they handle the timer situation at nationals. If a student feels the timer causes nervousness, then the timer can be controlled by the judges.

★ **Presentations can include a digital display.** A digital display of the presentation is not required. The student needs to create whatever he/she is most comfortable presenting, whether that be with a Powerpoint slideshow, board(s) setup on an easel, etc.

★ **LOGO AND EMBLEM CAN BE IN DESIGN!** Effective in the 2015-2016 Technical Standards for TShirt Design (Presentation Contest), the SkillsUSA logo and emblem, or parts thereof, may be used in the design. This has been confirmed with the technical chair of the national contest to ensure this was not a typographical error. Please see the updates to the technical standards for exact details and information. The reason for the change is because a lot of states allowed the use of the logo/emblem in their design for their state TShirt contest (the one that is selected to be printed and given to all competitors) and a lot of those students would also compete in this national contest but they would lose a lot of points because of the use of the logo/emblem. Their presentations were amazing and worthy of winning a medal, but the use of the logo/emblem would prevent that from happening. Therefore, the standards were modified to accommodate the use of the logo and/or emblem.

★ **An actual t-shirt does NOT need to be printed for the display.** If viewing the photos from the 2014 Nationals contest, you will notice some of the displays have a printed shirt. This is not required and this factor will not cause a student to win or lose the contest. The technical chair at nationals addressed this issue in the contest debriefing and stated that even though the printed shirt enhances the display for the public, it does not add/lose any value to the presentation. This is a presentation contest that has the majority of the points based primarily on the presentation. The fact whether or not a student has set up a display with or without a printed shirt has no point value whatsoever; it isn't even listed on the scoring sheet.

## Commonly Asked Questions from Previous Years

Q: *What time do we need to arrive on Thursday?*

A: Setup your display in the tables in the hallways on Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Opening Ceremony is scheduled from 12:00–1:00 p.m., therefore, if you don't have time to set up your display when you arrive on campus, it's okay to set up after the Open Ceremony. All displays need to be set up by 1:30 p.m. so we can begin the contest briefing.

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Q: *Do we see the timer or how will we know when time is up during our presentation?*

A: A timer will be available for the student to start/stop. If the student feels the timer makes him/her uncomfortable or nervous, then the timer can be operated by the judges.

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Q: *Who will go first; can I volunteer to go first?*

A: We have wooden bingo chips that students will draw numbers from.

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Q: *Can my advisor (or another representative from my school) come into the contest room during the contest to take my photograph?*

A: It is best that photographs be taken from outside the contest room. The room has large windows that an advisor can easily snap a picture (no flash, please).

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Q: *What if I arrive at the contest late?*

A: Sometimes there are circumstances out of your control, and that is understandable. For instance, one year at state there was a horrible car accident and the highway was shut down for about 30 minutes, thus causing a lot of students to be late for their skill contest on Friday morning. However, this contest is scheduled to begin 30 minutes after Opening Ceremony, therefore a student should have plenty of time to arrive at the contest area, dressed appropriately.

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Q: *Can I change into my SkillsUSA Official Dress after the contest briefing?*

A: No. You are expected to arrive to contest, dressed and ready to go—just as you would show up for a meeting/presentation in the real world of work—dressed and ready to go!

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Q: *Why do I need to bring an extra printed copy of my design?*

A: The extra printed 8.5"x11" copy is left behind for the judges to view after your presentation is completed. This allows you to pack up your belongings and leave the contest and they can then give your design a really good, closeup look and jot notes about your presentation on the design. This printed copy will not be returned to you.

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Q: *After I give my presentation, may I leave—am I done?*

A: Yes and No. After you have given your presentation and filled out the survey, you will be officially released from the contest.

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Q: *When do I need to tear down my display?*

A: Displays should be taken down on Thursday after your presentation. Students who present early and wish to walk around the campus for a while may leave their display setup until it's time for them to board their school bus to leave. Please leave your area neat and clean and dispose of any trash in appropriate bins.

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Q: *Where do I find the link to view the photos of displays from the 2014 National contest?*

A: Here is a link to access photos taken from the 2014 Nationals TShirt design displays.  
<http://bit.ly/TshirtDesignPicsNationals>