

2026 SkillsUSA ND State Conference

Clothing Attire for Leadership Contests

Job Interview, Prepared/Extemporaneous Speech, Pin/T-shirt Design

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Clothing Attire Job Skill Demonstration A/Open

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Job Interview w/out Portfolio (State Only Contest)

Participants will **NOT** be required to submit an Employment Portfolio at the state conference for this contest.

Please note that this is a STATE ONLY Contest and Gold Medalists do NOT Advance to NLSC.

Job Interview w/ Portfolio

A physical copy of the participant's portfolio will be turned in during Orientation on Sunday afternoon.

A digital copy is also required and can be emailed to skillsusa@nd.gov OR turned in on a jump drive during Orientation.

Prepared Speech

Students need to bring:

Typed copy of your speech

The SkillsUSA competition theme for the 2026-2026 school year is:

SkillsUSA: Champion Your Future

The topic to be addressed by contestants in the 2026 SkillsUSA Chapter Display, Prepared Speech and Promotional Bulletin Board competitions is our theme, "SkillsUSA: Champion Your Future."

Visit <https://www.skillsusa.org/resources/member-resources/annual-theme/> for additional contest information.

T-shirt Design

The competition is designed to assess the competitor's ability to design and produce a t-shirt concept for their State SkillsUSA association. The competition has moved from requiring a visual presentation on a standard tri-fold table display to creating a professional portfolio (Notebook). For State level competition, a physical printed T-shirt is NOT required.

View the SkillsUSA [Contest Updates page](#) for statements on use of AI for this contest.