



— FEBRUARY 15-22 —

QUALIFYING EVENTS

Registration Guide

Deadline: February 2

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS: QUALIFYING EVENTS 2024

Thousands of SkillsUSA Illinois members partake in the annual Qualifying Events every winter. These regional career competitions serve as the gateway to compete in The Championships, Illinois' Elite Career Competitions. Chapters are encouraged to host local career competitions before advancing members to the Qualifying Events process.

OVERVIEW

Members qualify for The Championships through locally delivered online exams as well as some hands-on skilled events for some competitions. All competitors must be members of SkillsUSA, by the Qualifying Event registration deadline of Feb. 2.

Qualifying Conferences (regional competitions) will not be offered this year. SkillsUSA Illinois is currently evaluating the best way to bring back hands-on qualifying events in 2025.

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

- Feb 2** | Registration deadline for Qualifying Events. Membership must be submitted upon registration.
- Feb 15-22** | Qualifying Events Window (Local Delivery)
- Feb 16** | General Membership Deadline
The Championships Registration Information Available
- Feb 28** | Qualifying Events Results Released
- Mar 8** | Chapter Excellence Program Submission Deadline
- Mar 20** | The Championships Registration Deadline
- Mar 22** | Advisor of the Year Application Submission Deadline

EVENT FEES

\$10 per competition; students are able to compete in multiple competitions.

QUESTIONS

More Information

For more information on The Championships: Qualifying Events, visit SkillsUSAIllinois.org/QE.

Event and Career Competition Information

For questions regarding Qualifying Events or the career competitions, contact the SkillsUSA Illinois Office:

E membership@skillsusaillinois.org
P 833.754.5545

Membership Questions

For questions regarding membership/ event registration, contact the Customer Care Team:
P 844.875.4557

C register.skillsusa.org
E customercare@skillsusa.org

Hours of Operation:

Mon., Wed. and Fri.: 7 a.m. - 4p.m. CT
Tues. and Thurs.: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. CT

OVERVIEW AND ADMINISTRATION

Members enrolled in more than one CTE pathway/area may complete more than one qualifying event. When a student is registered for two exams, the advisor **MUST** indicate a preferred competition for the student.

Career Competition Exams

Career competition exams range from 50 to 100 questions on a specific training area. Exams have been developed based on the standards and competencies outlined within the current year's SkillsUSA Technical Standards. These standards can be accessed by SkillsUSA Professional Members (advisors) through SkillsUSA Absorb (absorb.skillsusa.org).

These exams are on a three-year rotation to ensure exams are up to date with industry standards.

Career Readiness Assessment

This assessment is 50 questions that assess preparedness to enter the workforce as defined by the SkillsUSA Framework, which identifies skills that are essential for success in the workplace and life.

This exam is used as a tiebreaker for students who have tied scores at the cutoff line.

A guide for this exam will be available on the SkillsUSA Illinois website. This exam is required, members who complete their career competition event but do not complete this exam will be disqualified. If students are competing in multiple career competition exams, the career readiness assessment only needs to be completed once.

Event Window

The Championships: Qualifying Event window will be Feb. 15-22, 2024, with exams available daily from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Chapters needing to test outside of these times should send a request to membership@skillsusaillinois.org.

Administering Events

Exams should NOT be administered by a SkillsUSA advisor or program instructor; an administrator or outside department teacher is recommended. Each member will provide a unique email during registration to access the exams. Members will have one hour to complete each exam. Credentials to access the exams will be emailed to the lead chapter advisor 24 hours prior to the testing window opening.

System Requirements

SkillsUSA Illinois recommends the following specifications to ensure the highest quality experience: 1Mb/s+ broadband internet connection, a computer with at least 2GB memory and a minimum screen resolution of 1024x768 as well as a PDF reading software such as Adobe Reader.

The latest version of the following browsers Chrome, Safari, Firefox and Microsoft Edge are supported. Exams can be accessed using the web browser on your smartphone or tablet. For more information, [click here](#).

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

SUBMITTING MEMBERSHIP

Membership to SkillsUSA is required to participate in The Championships: Qualifying Events. Students must be joined as members before registering to participate. Membership to SkillsUSA comes with many benefits to ensure all members are prepared to enter the workforce.

Membership Dues

Student - General Membership - \$18

Includes countless opportunities to grow and ensure career readiness.

Professional (Advisor) Membership - \$32

Includes access to the Framework Integration Toolkit, Program of Work Toolkit, and Championships Toolkit (Technical Standards and local competition guides).

Submitting Membership

Submit Student and Professional Membership through the SkillsUSA Register (register.skillsusa.org). For registration instructions, review steps 7-13 of this guide bit.ly/23quickstart.

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INVOICING AND PAYMENTS

Membership Dues are paid directly to the National Office. Upon submission, an invoice will be generated that can be paid by check or credit card. Conference and event fees are paid to the Illinois Office. Following the registration deadline, our team will process registration and email invoices to chapter advisors.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

The deadline to register for The Championships: Qualifying Events is Feb. 2 and must be completed through SkillsUSA Register (register.skillsusa.org).

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IMPORTANT UPDATE:

MEMBERS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH AN ACTIVE EMAIL ADDRESS.

Each student will need a different email address. Students will log into the testing platform using this email. For students taking more than two exams, a preferred competition must be indicated during registration.



Hands-on Skilled Events

Engineering Technology Design

The Engineering Technology/Design technical committee has decided to forgo the qualifying event requirement for this career competition. Discussions about the growth seen in this career competition and how to evaluate competitors is still ongoing. This includes a potential transition to a two-day competition (Thursday and Friday) at The Championships in 2024 or 2025 and/or a regional-based hands-on qualifying event in 2025.

Automotive Service Technology and Automotive, Maintenance and Light Repair

Both Automotive Service Technology and Automotive, Maintenance and Light Repair will require technical assessments as well as an Electude component. Students will be able to practice in Electude prior to the testing window, advisors will need to contact wendy.mcnally@electude.com for practice information.

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS: QUALIFYING EVENTS CHECKLIST

- Review the 2024 Career Competition List to ensure students are aware of competitions requiring a state qualifying event to participate at the State Level.

By February 2, 2024:

- All students participating in The Championships: Qualifying Events are registered as a SkillsUSA member and registered for The Championships: Qualifying Events. **One advisor from each chapter is required to register for the event, this individual will receive the testing credentials 24 hours prior to the testing window opening.**
- If students are competing in multiple qualifying events, all preferred competitions have been indicated.

By February 16, 2024:

- All students and advisors participating in The Championships are registered members.