

2008 SkillsUSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

# CONTEST PROJECTS

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**ENJOY THIS RESOURCE!**

# Contest Projects

These contest projects are provided to assist you in planning your state contests. The national competition projects/problems are designed by industry representatives and are based on current industry expectations.

Your contests should be conducted as closely as possible to the national contests to ensure your students are ready to compete on the national level. Not only does this result in better national competition, but it also encourages your instructors to teach current industry standards, which means better quality technical programs in your state.

Please take advantage of these documents, and good luck to all of your competitors!

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The following Web links will serve as valuable resources related to numerous areas of SkillsUSA. Clicking on a link will open the page in your Web browser.

## **SkillsUSA Home Page** ([www.skillsusa.org](http://www.skillsusa.org))

It all starts here, the official home page for the SkillsUSA organization. Here you'll find a wealth of information covering every aspect of SkillsUSA.

## **Educational Materials Catalog** ([www.skillsusa.org/store/](http://www.skillsusa.org/store/))

Purchase educational materials online using our secure server. You'll find items including the *SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards*, Professional Development Program curriculum, posters, software and much, much more.

## **Midwest Trophy** ([www.mtmrecognition.com/skillsusa/](http://www.mtmrecognition.com/skillsusa/))

This is where you can order official SkillsUSA clothing, awards and promotional items.

## **Contest Information** ([www.skillsusa.org/compete/skills.shtml](http://www.skillsusa.org/compete/skills.shtml))

This page is the gateway to numerous other links related to the SkillsUSA Championships, contest information and other resources. Find capsule descriptions of each contest, rules for new demonstration contests, contest tips and more.

## **Contest Updates** ([www.skillsusa.org/compete/updates.shtml](http://www.skillsusa.org/compete/updates.shtml))

This page provides important contest updates for contestants and advisors. This page is a necessity to ensure that a contestant's training is in line with the contest's requirements.

## **National Conference Information** ([www.skillsusa.org/events/nlsc.shtml](http://www.skillsusa.org/events/nlsc.shtml))

This page provides you with information on all aspects of SkillsUSA's National Leadership and Skills Conference, from exhibits to hotels to events to registration information.

## **SkillsUSA State Association Directors** ([www.skillsusa.org/about/dir4.shtml](http://www.skillsusa.org/about/dir4.shtml))

Need to get in touch with your state association director? This page will give you all the information you'll need to do just that.

## **Registration Site** ([www.skillsusa-register.org](http://www.skillsusa-register.org))

This site allows you to join SkillsUSA and/or register for our national conference via the Internet. Competitors can download their scores and you can find the current year's medalists listed on this site.