

SkillsUSA Idaho

Board of Directors

Policy 2008-001

POLICY FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE CONTEST PARTICIPATION

1. SkillsUSA National Technical Standards state that contest eligibility is: “Open to active SkillsUSA members enrolled in programs with _____ as the occupational objective.” The blank is filled in with the program name, which often is the same as the contest title.
2. “Active SkillsUSA members...” means that the student is a member in good standing of a SkillsUSA Chapter within a career technical program in a secondary or postsecondary institution; with current membership dues paid in the state and national SkillsUSA organizations.
3. “Enrolled in programs ...” means that the student is currently enrolled, or was enrolled in the immediate past year, in a program funded by the Idaho Division of Career Technical Education. This policy prevents home-schooled and private-schooled students from competing, unless they are also currently enrolled, or were enrolled in the immediate past year, in a professional-technical program at a regular or professional-technical school.
4. “Programs with _____ as the occupational objective” means that the students’ program matches the contest for which he is registering. In other words, students may only register for contests that match the program of study that they are undertaking at their school. For example, a student enrolled in a Graphic Communications program may compete in either the advertising design or web design contests (because they align the instructional program with the contest) but would not be allowed to compete in architectural design.
5. A waiver to the above policy may be requested from the SkillsUSA Idaho Board of Directors. A request for waiver by the student’s Advisor must be received by the Chairman of the SkillsUSA Idaho Board of Directors by March 1st preceding the state contest (normally held in April). Waiver requests may be mailed or emailed to the SkillsUSA Idaho State Director who will forward them to the Chairman of the Board.
6. A list of contests and the programs that normally compete in those contests is provided on the SkillsUSA Idaho website.
7. The form used to request a waiver from the Board of Directors is contained in Appendix One to this policy.

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Approval

Based on majority approval of the members of the Idaho SkillsUSA Board of Directors, this policy is approved effective: **August 1, 2023.**

Chair, SkillsUSA Idaho Board of Directors

Appendix One
Form to Request Contest Participation

Waiver Date: _____

Chapter: _____

Advisor: _____

Contest for which waiver is requested: _____

Number of your students who will be affected by this decision: _____

In a short narrative, describe why the Board of Directors should approve your request to allow students who are not enrolled in a traditional program associated with this contest to compete in the contest.
