



THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2025

ILLINOIS' ELITE
CAREER
COMPETITIONS

QUALIFYING EVENTS 2025 REGISTRATION GUIDE

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS: QUALIFYING EVENTS

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.

INFORMATION

OVERVIEW

Members can qualify for The Championships: Illinois Elite Career Competitions through the Regional Qualifying Events or Qualifying Exams, attending a conference is not required. **Students must complete a Qualifying Exam if they wish to register for a Regional Qualifying Event.** All competitors must be members of SkillsUSA, by the RQE registration deadline.

Regional Qualifying Events will advance a specific number of students, per competitive event, based on the qualifying event formula. Qualifying Exams will establish a state-wide ranking in the qualifying competitions. SkillsUSA Illinois will use this list to fill the remaining open positions in the career competition once the qualifiers from the Regional Qualifying Events have been placed. Students will not be required to participate in a Regional Qualifying Event, to be eligible for the SkillsUSA Illinois Championships.

EVENT COSTS

Qualifying Exams

\$10 per exam; multiple exams can be completed

Regional Qualifying Event

\$55 per registrant (students and professionals)
one competition per student.

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

JANUARY 24

Registration Deadline for Regional Qualifying Events
Membership must be submitted upon registration

JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 7

State Qualifying Exam Window (Online)

FEBRUARY 18

General Membership Deadline

FEBRUARY 7

Regional Qualifying Event – South (Springfield, IL)
Capital Area Career Center & Lincoln Land Community College

FEBRUARY 28

Regional Qualifying Event – North (Romeoville, IL)
Wilco Area Career Center

MARCH 3

Regional Qualifying Events Results Released

MARCH 19

The Championships Registration Deadline

REGIONAL QUALIFYING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 7

Regional Qualifying Event – South (Springfield, IL)
Capital Area Career Center & Lincoln Land Community College

FEBRUARY 28

Regional Qualifying Event – North (Romeoville, IL)
Wilco Area Career Center

REGIONAL QUALIFYING EVENT ASSIGNMENT

SkillsUSA Illinois chapters North of Pontiac, IL will compete at the Regional Qualifying Event – North on February 28 at Wilco Area Career Center - Romeoville, IL.

SkillsUSA Illinois chapters South of Pontiac, IL will compete at the State Qualifying Conference – South on February 7 at Capital Area Career Center and Lincoln Land Community College - Springfield, IL.

ADVANCING TO THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SkillsUSA Illinois will advance students to The Championships based on the following criteria.

- A minimum of 15 students are registered in the individual competition at the Regional Qualifying Event
- 35% of competitor allotment at The Championships will advance from each of the Regional Qualifying Event

All other available spots will be then filled based on student scores for the Qualifying Exams.

***Chapters requiring hotel accommodations for Regional Qualifying Event participation should contact Katie White at kwhite@skillsusaillinois.org**

QUALIFYING EXAMS

EXAM INFORMATION

CAREER COMPETITION EXAM(S)

Exams range from 50 to 100 questions on specific technical area.

Students enrolled in more than one Career and Technical area may take a qualifying exam in more than one area. When a student is registered for two exams, the advisor **MUST** indicate a preferred competition for the student.

CAREER READINESS EXAM

50 questions based on the SkillsUSA Framework, SkillsUSA Career Essentials: Foundations, and SkillsUSA general knowledge.

This exam is used as a tie-breaker for students who have tied scores at the cut off line. This exam is 2.5% of every competition score card and is also used as a tiebreaker at the State Championship.

EXAM ADMINISTRATION

EXAM WINDOW

SkillsUSA Illinois Qualifying Exams will be available online, January 31 - February 7, 2025 from 6AM to 6PM daily. To test outside of these times, contact the State Office by emailing membership@SkillsUSAIllinois.org.

ADMINISTERING EXAMS

Exams should not be administered by a SkillsUSA advisor or content area teacher; an administrator or outside department teacher is recommended.

Each student will use their personal Salesforce sign in to access the exams. Students will have one hour to complete the exam.

MORE INFO & QUESTIONS Support available Monday - Friday 8am - 4pm

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on SkillsUSA Illinois Regional Qualifying Events, visit SkillsUSAIllinois.org.

EVENT & CAREER COMPETITION QUESTIONS

For questions regarding Regional Qualifying Events or the State Championships, contact:

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MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS

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THE CHAMPIONSHIPS: CAREER COMPETITION LIST

The SkillsUSA Illinois Championships competition list is [available here](#).

EVENT & EXAM REGISTRATION

STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS

Student Qualifying Event and Exam [registration instructions](#)

ADVISOR INSTRUCTIONS

Approval of student Qualifying Event and Exam [registration instructions](#)

Advisor registration for student Qualifying Event and Exam [registration instructions](#)