# Pin Design Trading Pin Competition 2025

STATE ONLY

## Purpose

To select the outstanding idea and design for SkillsUSA VA Trading pin.

## Eligibility

Open to active SkillsUSA members

## Clothing Requirement

This contest does not require an interview; therefore, there are no special clothing requirements. However, students should be dressed in SkillsUSA attire or business dress for the awards ceremony.

## Deadline

The Pin entry and the "Pre-Judged Entry Form" must be submitted to the SkillsUSA Virginia Student Specialist office. The entry must be postmarked by **March 3** of the current school year.

Mail Entry to: SkillsUSA Virginia

Attn: Joyce Price

3216 Mount Tabor Road

Blacskburg, VA 24060

## Exhibit of Entries

Observers will not be present during the actual judging. Pin designs may be viewed on the day of the Skill Competitions.

## Pickup of Entries

Pin entries must be picked up by 2 p.m. on Saturday of the State Leadership Conference.

## Equipment and Materials

1. Supplied by SkillsUSA Virginia:

a. Tables as needed

b. Three judges

## Scope of the Contest

1. Evaluation of the pin design

**Knowledge Performance**

There will be no skill-related written test.

**Skill Performance**

The contest is designed to assess the ability of the competitor to design and produce a drawing of that design, as well as give a narration regarding all aspects of his or her creation of the design.

**Contest Guidelines**

An entry shall consist of the following:

1. All entries must be rendered in color

2. Design should include the state name (Virginia), or state initials (VA) or shape of the state (including the Eastern Shore in the shape if the state); and current year. If the pin says SkillsUSA – please make sure it is ONE WORD.

3. Preferably, entries will be created in a design software package such as Illustrator, Photoshop or Freehand. Entries may

also be hand-drawn, painted or rendered in colored pencils or markers. (Note: No design from t-shirt companies’ i.e. Custom Ink will be considered)

4. Digital designs must have an accompanying CD or flash drive and include:

a. Name of the design software program used

b. School

c. Career and Technical Education Program (s)

d. Student name (s)

*Note: A school entering more than one design, may submit one CD or flash drive from the whole school.*

*\*\* This design does not move on to the National Championships. It is the trading pin competition.*

5. Entry should be submitted and mounted with two versions of the art on a single board. (This may include cardstock,

card board, poster board, form core or other thick paper; It must be larger than 8.5”x 11”)

* 1. The larger version is for judging. The larger version must be approximately 7 inches wide x 7 inches high and not larger or smaller.
  2. The smaller version is to show what the actual pin will look like. The smaller version should not be larger than 2 inches x 2 inches tall, It should depict the actual size of pin; this is to show how the completed pin will look.
  3. Both versions should be identical.
  4. Name of State and Year MUST be on pin

7. All copyright laws must be followed in the creation of the design.

8. Narrative should be attached (Taped or glued) to the back of the design and be no longer than one-page (8 ½” x 11”).

The Narrative about the pin deign should include:

a. How he or she came up with the design of the pin.

b. The process in which he or she designed the pin.

c. Why he or she feels it represents their state.

d. What are its unique qualities?

e. Why other students/advisors would want to wear it.

9. Attached an envelope to the back of the mounting board (do not seal the envelope) include the following items”

a. "Pre-Judged Entry Form" filled out.

b. "Verification Form" stating that the state pin was the original and creative work of the individual chapter member must be submitted. The form is to be signed by the student(s), SkillsUSA advisor, and school administrator and placed in a plain envelope taped on the back of the pin design mounting board.

c. Competitor must submit a one-page Résumé

10. Only one entry is allowed per SkillsUSA member

## Notification of Winner

The top three place contestants’ advisor/instructor will be notified by e-mail, before the State Leadership Conference registration deadline; so that the contestant may register for the State Leadership Conference and be present on Friday at the Opening Session to receive state recognition.

## Rating Sheet

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| **Pin Design: Items Evaluated** | **Possible  Points** |
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| Mounting/Presentation | 10 |
| Pin Design Size 7" x 7" | 10 |
| Pin Design Size up to 2” x 2” | 10 |
| Representation of: State and Year | 10 |
| Copyright followed & (SkillsUSA one word) | 10 |
| Design (Color, Design, Appearance) | 50 |
| Design appropriate to Pin (Potential appeal to members) | 25 |
| Digital Design: Disk, Name of art program | 10 |
| Narrative on back 8.5" x11" | 15 |
| Resume = 10% | 15 |
| **Subtotal** | 165 |
| Verification Form Penalty (DISQUALIFIED) Envelope attached on back | Yes/No |
| SkillsUSA Member | Yes/No |
| **FINAL SCORE** | 165 |