

Graphic Image - Sublimation

SkillsUSA Virginia State Leadership Championships

March 10, 2026 – 8 a.m.

Virginia Beach Convention Center, 1000 19th St, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Please refer to the 2024-2026 SkillsUSA National Technical Standards for detailed description of guidelines and requirements. The scope of the contest will be drawn from these standards. *NOTE: ALL contests are subject to increased difficulty levels from previous state competitions to align the scope and skill level to that of National Competitions.*

Clothing: Class E: Competition Specific — Business Casual

- Official SkillsUSA white polo shirt
- Black dress slacks or black dress skirt (knee-length minimum)
- Black closed-toe dress shoes

Note: Wearing socks or hose is not required. If worn, socks must be black dress socks and hose must be either black or skin-tone and seamless/nonpattern.

Sublimation will have three parts.

1. Contestants will sublimite four items at school and bring the sublimated items to the state conference for display and judging.
 - a. Contestant must bring the following paperwork, verifying that they created and sublimated each of the items.
 - b. This will include but not limited to Science Fair Board explaining the sublimation process and photos if sublimated items.
 - c. Sublimated items (4 items) to be displayed.
 - d. Video on flash drive of the students demonstrating how to sublimite the tiles (must be 4 up video to be no longer that one minuet long.
2. Contestants will sublimite three items on the contest day. (Maybe a mug, hardboard, and ornament).
3. Interview and resume.

State will provide:

1. One half table (approximate 4')
2. Two chairs per table (1 per contestant)
3. Electricity, surge protected extension cords
4. Sublimation Printer
5. Sublimation Mug Printer
6. Sublimation Heat Press
7. Sublimation paper, ink, parchment paper, gloves and heat sensitive tape.
8. Blank sublimation items to print on. (mugs, hardboard and ornament)
9. Light Table

Note: Contestants, no helping, talking or assisting other contestants.

The contestants will bring the following:

1. **Science fair board** explain Graphic Image Sublimation Process
 - a. Explain the process of Sublimation
 - b. To be neat and well organized (headline, text, and images)
 - c. Sequential guide in photos and text of the sublimation of one of your items (ex: yard sign, ...). But not the tiles, that will be a video.
2. Display the four following items that the student competitor sublimated:
 - a. **tiles that match 4 by 4**
 - b. **t-shirt**
 - c. **luggage tag**
 - d. **keychain** (any style of key chain)
 - e. **1 minute video** to show and tell how to sublimated the **4 by 4 title project**. Video to include design to finished product. To be submitted on a flash drive.
 - f. **Printed paper card** each is to be **4" x 5"** that lists the following: Name of item, software used, list the time, temperature and pressure
3. Bring multiple copies of your mug design, that will be used to print. Size is 11 ounces. 3"x9" Theme: SkillsUSA current national theme.
4. Oral Professional Assessment (interview)
5. Resume & Verification paperwork

Student Select items to be judged

Sublimate at school	
Item 1 – Tile (match up 4 by 4) = 4 tiles	100
Item 2 – T-shirt	100
Item 3 – Luggage Tag	100
Item 4– Key Chain (any)	100
Video – 1 min...	100
Sublimation – On Site	
Mug, student provide design	100
Hard Board	100
Ornament	100
Science Fair Board	100
Interview Oral Professional Assessment	100
Resume	100
Total	1,100