



2026 STATE FAIR – Auto Body - Collision Tuesday September 29 – 10am State Fairgrounds

LOCATION: 13191 Dawn Boulevard in Doswell Virginia 23047 – “Best-in-Show” Pavilion

ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 per student entering the competition. Payment is due by **September 25, 2026** to SkillsUSA Virginia – 115 Hutcheson Hall (0908), Blacksburg VA 24061. Please register on-line at www.skillsusava.org – Event - State Fair - Competitions.

DEADLINE: Registration will close on **September 11, 2026**.

ADMISSION TICKETS:

- Participants must have a Student Competition Ticket (\$8 student and \$12 adult) to enter the Fairgrounds.
- Teachers are responsible for ordering tickets by **September 18, 2026 ONLINE** directly from the State Fair Ticket Office at <https://www.etix.com/ticket/c/0B673755704EB0C7B865819C1BE568E9/4h-ffaadvanced-payment..>
- **Advance** payment schools must print a “Gate 2” entrance sign available on their website and will be allowed to park next to the SkillsUSA competition in “Lot K” or the overflow “Lot L”.
- Schools with **reserved** tickets must bring a check to enter the State Fairgrounds. The State Fair does not accept cash or credit cards at our special entrance gate.

CONTEST SPONSOR: TBA

SKILLSUSA TRANSPORTATION CLUSTER COORDINATOR: TBA

CONTEST CHAIR: Matt Ingram – Northern Neck Regional Center

SKILLSUSA HOST: David Meade – Alumni and Friends

NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS: Unlimited

CLOTHING: Coveralls, industry uniform or school approved uniform with school name covered.

STATE FAIR SCHOLARSHIPS: The State Fair of Virginia is offering the first place secondary Auto Body - Collision champion a scholarship of \$200.00 to continue their educational pursuit. The State Fair champion **MUST** complete the provided scholarship form before departing the State Fairgrounds.

SCOPE OF THE COMPETITION: Each contestant will demonstrate their ability to perform competencies associated with the Auto Body Collision Technology career field.

JUDGING CRITERIA: Contestants will be provided a fender with 2 dents. Contestant will first use a metal finish - **with no filler** – while using the proper hammer and dolly techniques and metal straightening/metal finishing techniques. Contestant then will be using the same techniques as the first - **with filler** - being used to smooth out any imperfections. The goal is to have the prepared areas ready for primer surfacer.

NOTE: There will be no application of any primer at the fairgrounds.

The 2nd station will consist of plastic repair segment with a depression dent in the bumper panel. Contestants will straighten the dent using a heat gun and other tools. The contestant will have to prep the area for the application of ever coat poly-flex – 100411. The product must be sanded smooth and shaped correctly to meet the contour of the bumper. It must be finished as if it was going to receive the primer surfacer.

TOOLS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED BY CONTESTANTS:

- One-page typed résumé
- PPE to include
 - Safety glasses with side shields
 - Leather work shoes
 - Work gloves
 - Dust mask
- All tools deemed necessary to complete the repair process.
- Dolly
- Body hammer
- Sanding block
- File board
- Electrical grinder
- Body file
- Paint stand for repair work
- 25' Electrical cord
- Spreaders
- 18" x 24" flat sheet metal panel (paint project)

NOTE: There will be no air supply system; however cordless and electric tools are welcomed.

TOOLS AND MATERIALS PROVIDED BY CONTEST OFFICIALS:

- All consumables for this repair process and panels to include
 - Body fillers
 - Finishing fillers
 - Grinder disc
 - Sandpaper
 - Degreasers
 - Scuff pads
- Panels
- Fender Stand

SAFETY STATEMENT: All entries must present at registration the attached Safety Statement signed by students and advisors

Safety Form for Tools and Materials

State Fair SkillsUSA Virginia Auto Body - Collision Competition

The SkillsUSA Virginia Auto Body - Collision Competition will involve the use of equipment and materials in completing the task within the competition. It is absolutely necessary that complete operating instructions and safety for the use of equipment and materials have been given to the contestant in their training program in the local school division as stated in the National SkillsUSA National Standards before he competes. This includes the proper safety instruction in the use of the tools listed in the scope of the contest and the use of protective equipment while using the tools and materials. Safety glasses are required.

By the affixing of my signature below, I certify that my student, who is entering the Auto Body - Collision Competition at the State Fair, has had proper operating and safety instruction in the use of the power tools, equipment and materials.

(Signature of Instructor/Advisor)

(SkillsUSA Virginia Chapter)

By the affixing of my signature below, I certify that I have used the power tools, equipment and materials to be used in the State Fair Auto Body - Collision Competition and that I understand the correct operating procedures and safety precautions for the use of this power tool, equipment and materials.

(Signature of Student)

(Date)

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND TURNED IN TO THE COMPETITION CHAIR ON THE DAY OF THE COMPETITION. FAILURE TO TURN IN THIS FORM WILL RESULT IN THE STUDENT NOT BEING ALLOWED TO COMPETE.