2026 STATE FAIR – PHOTOGRAPHY
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 – opening 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: State Video Production/Photography Instructors

SKILLSUSA COMMUNICATION CLUSTER COORDINATOR: Ken Kilinski – Westmoreland County Public Schools

CONTEST CHAIR: TBA

SKILLSUSA HOST: TBD – Alumni and Friends

NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS: Unlimited

CLOTHING: Official SkillsUSA attire or polo. Dress shoes are not required as the State Fairgrounds can be dirty and/or muddy.

STATE FAIR SCHOLARSHIPS: The State Fair of Virginia is offering the first place secondary Photography champion a scholarship of $100.00 to continue their educational pursuit. The State Fair champions 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 photography trade. **Please refer to the current *SkillsUSA Championship Technical Standards 2024-26***

JUDGING CRITERIA:

- One-page type resume
- **Assignment:** Create a photographic promotional layout of the excitement and adventure to be had at the State Fair of Virginia. Student will have two hours to complete assignment and submit jump drive to judging committee.

Releases: Public event releases will not be necessary as the State Fair is a public event.

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 Photography Competition

The SkillsUSA Virginia Photography Competition will involve the use of power tools, equipment and materials in completing the task within the contest. It is absolutely necessary that complete operating instructions and safety for the use of power tools, 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 competition 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 Photography Competition at the State Fair has had proper operating and safety instruction in the use of the power tools, equipment and materials.

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(Signature of Instructor/Advisor)

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(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 Photography Competition and that I understand the correct operating procedures and safety precautions for the use of this power tool, equipment and materials.

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(Signature of Student)

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(Date)

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND TURNED INTO 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.