



## **SkillsUSA New York PIN CONTEST 2026**

SkillsUSA New York is sponsoring the State Pin Design Contest for the year 2026. The winning design will be used for this year's SkillsUSA New York pin and T-shirt. This is an excellent opportunity for you, the SkillsUSA New York member, to receive national recognition because the new pin will be mass-produced and traded at the next National Conference. All secondary student members of SkillsUSA New York are eligible competitors. **IF YOU ARE A FINALIST, YOU CAN NOT COMPETE IN ANY OTHER CONTEST AT THE STATE LEVEL.**

Every year outstanding designs are eliminated because they do not follow the requirements and guidelines.

**Please follow the requirements and guidelines exactly.**

**Pin Design requirements:**

**MUST BE ORIGINAL ARTWORK** (*Not someone else's work copied from the Internet. This is the guideline most frequently not followed.*)

- **Must** be rendered in color (*shading or blending is allowed*)
  - **Must** contain "New York" or "NY"
  - **Must** contain "SkillsUSA" as **ONE WORD**. You can use the word SkillsUSA but **CANNOT** use any part of the **National Emblem**. Check the Nationals Website to see what the National Emblem looks like.
  - **Must** display the year **2026**
  - All entries should be submitted with two versions of the artwork on a single page.
  - The larger version (for T-Shirt) should be approximately 7 inches wide by 7 inches tall
  - The smaller (for Pin) version should be approximately 1 inch wide by 1 inch tall.
  - Both versions must be an identical design.
  - The pin's dimensions when produced will be about 1 inch tall by the necessary width.
  - For the T-shirt, the art will be adjusted to fit the front or back of the shirt.
  - Artwork **Must** be submitted on paper no larger than 8 ½" x 11"
- Must include a typed paragraph of a maximum of 100 words explaining the design and colors used.**

**The guidelines are:**

1. **The entrant must be a SkillsUSA New York secondary school member.**
2. Entrant's name, school, teacher, and Lead Advisor's names must be printed on the reverse side of the artwork.
3. Artwork will not be returned.
4. The judges' decision is final. All rules must be followed to be eligible.
5. **Entries must be received or postmarked by January 9, 2026**
6. Medals to be awarded to winners at NYS SkillsUSA Championships. The first-Place winner will be eligible to represent NY at Nationals in the Pin Contest.
7. Entries must be mailed to:

New York State SkillsUSA  
c/o Midge McCloskey  
21 Pine Knoll Dr.  
Rochester, NY 14624

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