



SkillsUSA PA ONLY

PA STATE TRADING PIN DESIGN CONTEST

Purpose

To promote student involvement in the development of a state pin. The winning design will be reproduced for the State trading pin at the National Leadership and Skills Conference.

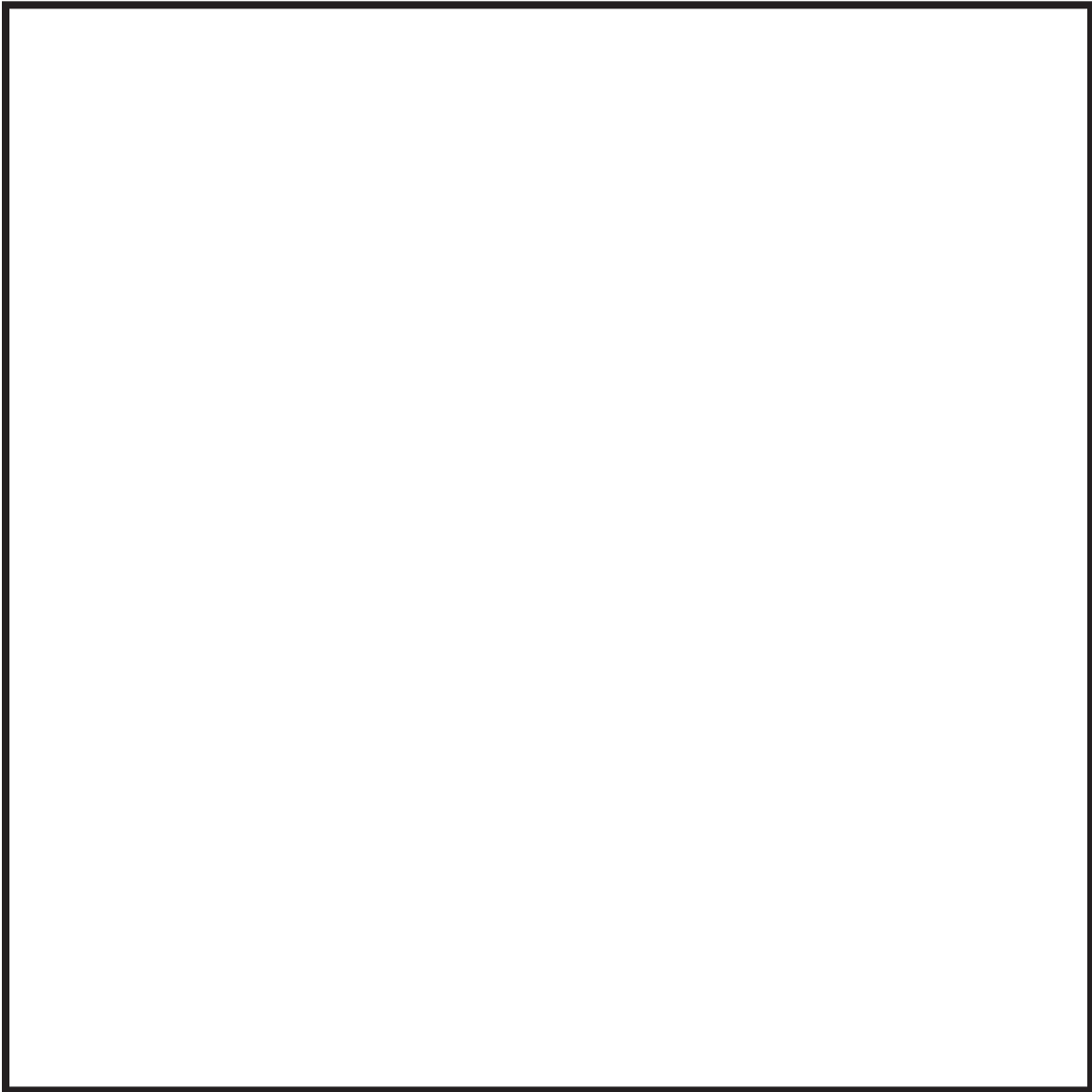
Eligibility

Open to all SkillsUSA members. Schools may submit the designs of several SkillsUSA student members (one design per student).

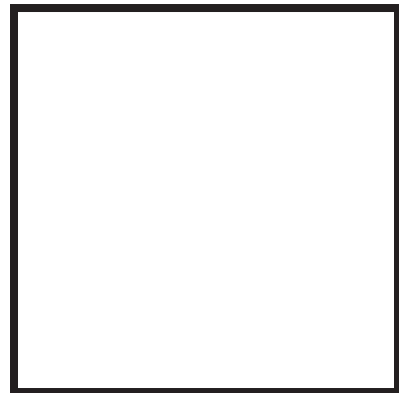
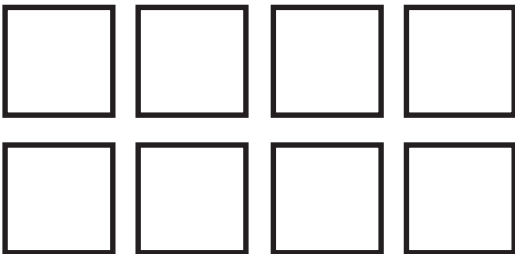
Scope/Specifications of the Contest

1. Entry designs in the contest are open to all SkillsUSA members. Winning entry will be the property of the SkillsUSA Pennsylvania Organization.
2. The entered design **MUST** showcase both a larger (6" x 6" wide) **AND** a smaller (no more than 2" x 2" wide) version of the design. This allows the judges to see the details of the design as well as see how the design will look when made the size of an actual pin.
3. **No particular pin shape is required, but an obvious outline of the pin should be evident.** Suggestion: some states incorporate a significant shape/symbol from their state (i.e. palm tree, snowman, cactus, liberty bell).
4. The words "SkillsUSA" (with no space between "Skills" and "USA"), "Pennsylvania" and the year "2025" **MUST** be used in the design and must be easily readable.
5. A brief, one-to-two sentence explanation as to the subject the student chose to feature in their design, as well as how they believe their design represents the state of Pennsylvania, is required. (See example submission layout attached)
6. The design is limited to eight (8) colors total. Both black and white will count as colors and will need to be a part of the count if used. **This pin will be created as an enamel-style pin, no halftones or gradients can be used. (Only solid color)**
7. All entries will be considered for color, design, representation of the state, legibility and ease of producing the pin.
8. Designs may wish to incorporate the current year's theme or a piece of the SkillsUSA Emblem (Ex: Gear, Torch, etc.), but these are not requirements.
9. Designs **MUST** be received digitally (saved as .jpg with student's last name/PA Trading Pin as the file name) in the SkillsUSA PA Office **NO LATER than Friday January 10, 2025**. Additionally, vector files of the final pin design must be available upon request. Please email .jpg Trading Pin Designs to Dodie Amigh at dodieamigh@skillsusapa.org, with the words "Trading Pin" in the subject line.
10. The top three winners are selected by the SkillsUSA PA Board of Directors. Social media voting in January 2025 will determine the final winning pin! FB: SkillsUSA Pennsylvania IG: teampaskillsusa TT: teampaskillsusa
11. The winning entry will be notified by the SkillsUSA PA office and will need to submit their winning design electronically as a .pdf file.
12. The winning artist will be recognized at the state conference and each attendee will receive a complimentary pin. The design will be used as the SkillsUSA National Trading Pin at NLSC.

Example Submission Layout



Colors Used:



Explanation:

I feel that this pin represents SkillsUSA Pennsylvania because...

Student Name
Student Program
Student School
Advisor: Advisor Name