

SkillsUSA Michigan Welding Advisors,

Your 2022-2023 Welding Technical Committee has been actively working together since July and has the following information available to share.



Our secondary state-only welding contests are now taking place at Washtenaw Community College on a different date than our Grand Rapids State Leadership and Skills Conference (SLSC). After carefully weighing all the information and options, we felt this schedule gave the student members the best competition opportunities available.

Similar to last year, **after tabulation and testing**, all state-only competition medalists will be notified of their accomplishment without revealing their place. The medalists should plan to come to the Award Ceremony at SLSC to receive their awards. All competitors are invited to attend regardless of whether they medal.

Contests and supporting documents will be released on the SkillsUSA Michigan website in January.

Contest Changes

This year we are adding Welding Sculpture. Upon contest release, contestants are asked to complete and bring the sculpture with them to SLSC for judging. Sculptures will be on display at DeVos/Amway during SLSC and will be judged on Saturday when the other competitions are taking place. This contest is a national contest, and the gold medalist will be invited to NLSC.

OAW has been replaced with OAC/PAC. This contest will ask contestants to perform oxy and plasma cutting and is more in line with needed industry technical skills.

The contests to be held for 2023 are as follows:

Secondary (HS)

<i>Contest</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Competition Date</i>
Welding Overall	Grand Rapids Community College	During SLSC April 14-16, 2023
Welding Fabrication	Grand Rapids Community College	During SLSC April 14-16, 2023
*Welding Sculpture	Finished product brought to SLSC for judging	During SLSC April 14-16, 2023
GMAW	Washtenaw Community College	March 17, 2023
GTAW	Washtenaw Community College	March 17, 2023
SMAW	Washtenaw Community College	March 17, 2023
*OAC/PAC	Washtenaw Community College	March 17, 2023

*new this year

College/Post-Secondary (CPS)

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Welding Overall	Washtenaw Community College	March 17, 2023
Welding Fabrication	Washtenaw Community College	March 17, 2023
GMAW	Washtenaw Community College	March 17, 2023
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