State Pin Design

Participants will now be able to advance onto the national competition in Pin Design. Participants should review the national technical standard so they will be aware of what will be expected of them should they win the gold medal and choose to advance to the national competition.

There will no longer be a cash award for this competition. Winners will receive their respective gold, silver and bronze medals at the awards ceremony.

Designs and required documentation are due to the State Director by January 31.
> SkillsUSA Montana - Pin Design
> PO Box 4823
> Helena, MT 59604

**Purpose**
To evaluate a contestant's creative, technical and oral presentation skills and to recognize outstanding students for excellence and professionalism.

**Open to active SkillsUSA members enrolled in career and technical programs.**

**Equipment and Materials**
Supplied by the contestant:
- Rendering of pin design
- Contestants will provide a written document addressing the following points.
    - How he or she came up with the design of the pin
    - The process in which he or she designed the pin
    - Why he or she feels it represents their state
    - What are its unique qualities
    - Why other students/advisors would want to wear it

**State Contest Guidelines**
- All entries must be rendered in color
- Entries will be created in a design software package, such as Illustrator, Photoshop or other comparable software. Entries may also be hand-drawn, painted or rendered in colored pencils or markers.
- All entries should be submitted with two versions of the art on a single 8.5" X 11" page. One version is 7" and is for showing greater detail. The other is 1" to show what the pin would look like in the reproduction size. The larger version must be 7" wide or 7" tall in its largest dimension. The smaller version should be 1" wide or 1" tall in its largest dimension.
- Wording on the pin must reference the name of the state and the year of the conference.
- The SkillsUSA emblem or SkillsUSA Logo (or elements of either) should not appear on the pin.
- Contestants name and school need to appear on the back of the design.
- Contestants must register to attend the State Leadership & Skills Conference.