



Raising our programs to industry standard performance with the implementation of Region qualifiers

- ◇ **Why?** Creating better quality competitions as Arizona continues to grow and giving our members, your students, more opportunities within the organization. Working toward creating better qualified national competitors.
- ◇ **When?** Qualifying contests will be implemented in 3 phases. By 2021 all national qualifying contests will be a regional qualifier.
 - ◇ Phase 1: Top 15 largest contests (list will be posted by September 1, 2018)
 - ◇ Phase 2: Remaining Skill contests
 - ◇ Phase 3: Remaining Leadership contests
- ◇ **How?**
 - ◇ All Contest Committees have been surveyed with what the maximum number of spots for their contest should allow.
 - ◇ This is based on space, financial support, equipment, judges available, safety, etc.
 - ◇ The maximum number of spots for the contest will be divided by the six regions (each contest will vary on how many qualifiers based on the maximum the contest has set). Example: If welding allows 72 spots, the top 12 from each region will be offered a spot at the State Championships (# of spots /6 regions = number of qualifiers from each region)
 - ◇ Top 10 runner up competitors will be notified of their placement, if a qualified competitor chooses to forfeit their spot.
 - ◇ Region Coordinators will submit full score reports to the State Office to verify qualifiers. Advisors will then be notified for confirmation.
- ◇ **What?**
 - ◇ If we don't have a contest in our region? You are eligible to attend another region, to qualify for your region (not the region your competing in).
 - ◇ So, we must compete at regionals to qualify for State Championships? Yes.
- ◇ **Who?**
 - ◇ Any nationally registered **student member** is eligible to compete at regionals.
- ◇ **Moving forward:** As contests begin to phase in as regional qualifiers, through the evaluation of contest needs, SkillsUSA Arizona will add more state level contests for more student opportunities!
 - ◇ Contests that have added in the last 2 years: Criminal Justice Quiz Bowl, Opening & Closing Ceremonies, Chapter Business Procedure, Screen Printing Technology, Cyber Security and Culinary Knowledge Bowl.
 - ◇ Contests that we are looking to add: Barbering, Culinary Arts Basic, Telecommunications Cabling, MLR.
 - ◇ If you have suggestions for a contest (state only or National Qualifying) please share with the state office!
- ◇ **How can I be more involved with this?**
 - ◇ Start with being involved with your region (leadership events & competition).
 - ◇ Ask your region coordinator how you can support your regional contest.
 - ◇ Help our industry judges at regionals become well educated about SkillsUSA and the contest they are judging.
 - ◇ Prepare your students for regionals by hosting a local competition at your school.