

Skills Ontario Competition - Benefits to Competing

Did you know that there's an annual province-wide competition that celebrates secondary and post-secondary students who are the best in their skilled trade/technology field?

Reasons to Compete

- Chance to win a **MEDAL!** You could also be awarded with scholarships, bursaries, job offers and prizes!
- Compete against some of the best students from across the province
- Time spent practicing provides a higher level of competency, confidence, and leadership
- Add participation/accomplishment to your resume and LinkedIn
- Learn about time and resource management and dealing with pressure and obstacles
- Develop your skills in communication, problem-solving, team-building, creativity & innovation, collaboration, adaptability, digital competency, reading, numeracy and writing
- Complete hands-on experiential projects aligned with curriculum and industry standards
- Network with other competitors, educators, professionals and potential employers
- Connection for media opportunities such as tv, articles, videos, podcasts, radio and more
- Potentially represent Team Ontario at the National Competition and Canada at WorldSkills
- Represent your institution proudly! Possibly be recognized by a banner in your school
- Teachers/advisors are recognized along with medal winners with a commemorative pin

Hear What Teachers/Advisors Say About the Benefits of Competing

“Skills gives exposure to the possibilities of different career paths that are available that speak to the individual that they might not have been aware of. It also allows for them to take pride in skill sets that they have, just like they take pride in the ability to participate in a sport or a given art.”

“Participating against your peers can show where your skill set is in relation to others. The value this brings to the skilled trades is immense. Getting more eyes and ears on the trades is the best way to promote them, through the future workforce in our students.”

“Students get to test their skills acquired through the curriculum on industrial level assignments in industry environment using industry grade equipment and softwares. In addition, students practice many hours to prepare for Skills which enhances their hands-on skills. Lastly, students meet potential employers at the Skills events.”