

# PIN DESIGN CONTEST

## 2026 SKILLS ONTARIO COMPETITION

### Description:

**Use your design skills to create the official lapel pin to commemorate the 2026 Skills Ontario Competition.**

**Create your original design today for a chance to win gold!**

### You could win:



- **RECOGNITION IN THE 2026 ANNUAL COMPETITION GUIDE AS WELL AS ON [WWW.SKILLSONTARIO.COM](http://WWW.SKILLSONTARIO.COM) AND SOCIAL MEDIA**
- **A FRAMED SAMPLE OF YOUR WINNING DESIGN**
- **BECOME A PROVINCIAL GOLD MEDALIST AND BUILD YOUR RESUME**
- **A CASH PRIZE OF \$500**



**Contest Deadline is Friday, November 21, 2025, 11:59pm**

**[www.skillsontario.com](http://www.skillsontario.com)**

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## DEADLINE

Entries must be received via the link provided or by mail and post-marked no later than **Friday, November 21, 2025**



## ELIGIBILITY

ANY registered Ontario student in secondary or post-secondary education (includes private, public, union training delivery agent, etc) from ANY program (does not have to be a skilled trades or technology program, could be an English or Geography student for example) may participate in this contest.

## SUBMISSIONS

SUBMISSION LINK: <https://www.skillsontario.com/pin-and-medal-submission>


File naming convention: When uploading your pdf please include your name, contest, school board name, for example: **Anna\_Smith\_Pin\_Contest\_HDSB.pdf**

## PIN DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS:

- Designs may be created by hand or on computer. Designs must be submitted in full colour on 8½" x 11" paper template provided and include a 1" x 1" scaled copy of the design. This assists in determining if the design can be easily replicated to a 1" x 1" sized pin.
- The design may have a maximum of 3 colours plus the metal of the pin in gold or silver. Black and white are considered colours. The metal pin material is not considered one of the three colours, but will appear at the edge of your design as the boarder and the channel separating the colours throughout.
- Designs MUST incorporate: 1) the year of the competition (2026); and 2) the words "Skills Ontario Competition" or S.O.C. and "Olympiades de Compétences Ontario" or O.C.O. Acronyms are acceptable substitutes for spelling out the entire name of the event in both English and French. The competition is no longer called OTSC and this should not appear in your design.
- Any lettering must be clearly legible at 1". A minimum of 2mm for lettering is required. Arial Narrow is the recommend font for visibility.
- All designs must be bilingual.

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# CONTEST RULES

- Only ONE pin design per student can be submitted for consideration. Students are encouraged to enter designs for both the pin and medal design categories. Please use a separate page for the medal design and the pin design entries.
- All design entries must include the student's name, school name & school board, teacher/advisor's name, grade/year, email and a phone number, where you can be reached.
-  Electronic files will only be accepted in PDF format. File name should include the student's first and last name, contest and school board (e.g. Anna\_Smith\_Pin\_Contest\_HDSB.pdf).
- Winning design will be used as inspiration for the 2026 competition pin. Please note that due to the nature of pin production and converting artistic concepts into workable lapel pins in metal, submitted designs are often altered and adapted by Skills Ontario for the final product.
- Submitting design concepts for this contest authorizes Skills Ontario to produce the winning design for its intended purposes. Top finalists may be contacted to provide a working file of their design.
- The winning design concept will be reproduced as the official pin of the 2026 Skills Ontario Competition.
- Mailed hardcopy contest submissions will not be returned.
- This is an individual event. No teams.

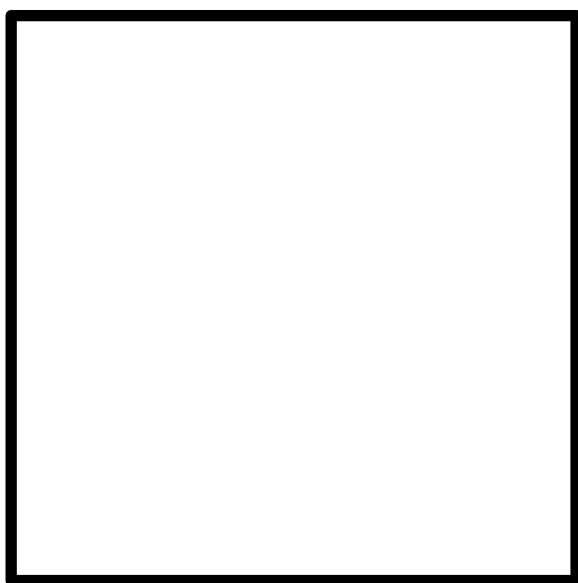


See previous pin and medal winning designs at:  
[www.skillsontario.com/pin-and-medal](http://www.skillsontario.com/pin-and-medal)

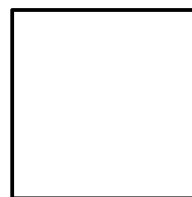
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**Maximum dimension of design is 1" x 1"**



Detail Drawing



1" x 1"  
Actual Size

STUDENT NAME:

EMAIL:

PHONE NUMBER:

SCHOOL:

SCHOOL BOARD:

TEACHER/ADVISOR:

TEACHER'S EMAIL:

GRADE/YEAR: