



2026 Territorial Skills Competition Contest Description

Photography

Secondary

Date: April 16, 2026, 8:00 A.M.

Location: Yukon University, Gym

Duration of contest: 6 Hours

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1. SKILLS FOR SUCCESS FOR CAREERS IN SKILLED TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY

The Government of Canada has updated the previous Essential Skills framework to the new Skills for Success model in response to the evolving labour market and changing skill requirements. This model outlines nine fundamental skills Canadians need to thrive in work, education, training, and daily life.

Skills/Compétences Canada aims to highlight the importance of these skills, vital for success in trade and technology careers. Competitors can see how Skills for Success are integrated into contest descriptions, projects, and project documents. Recognizing these skills during the competition helps competitors match tasks with specific skills necessary for success and understand how these skills apply within their trade or technology programs and future careers.

The nine key Skills for Success, validated for workplace success, are:

1. Numeracy
2. Communication
3. Collaboration
4. Adaptability
5. Reading
6. Writing
7. Problem Solving
8. Creativity and Innovation
9. Digital

2. CONTEST INTRODUCTION

2.1. Description of the associated work role(s) or occupation(s):

https://www.skillscompetencescanada.com/en/skill_area/photography/

2.2. Purpose of the Challenge

Demonstrate your technical photography skills and knowledge of composition, lighting, impact, and editing. Produce a total of 7 photographs over the allotted 6 hours of competition.

2.3. Duration of Contest

Competition duration will not exceed 6 hours. Competitors will begin at 9:00AM and have until 4:00PM to complete all of their tasks, including tidying their work station. Competitors will be given an hour break for lunch provided by Skills Canada Yukon.

2.4. Skills and Knowledge to be Tested

- Composition – eg: visual elements, style, balance and harmony, framing, DoF

- Technical – eg: focus, exposure, contrast, use of light, tonal range
- Impact – eg: overall impression of the photograph, tells a story, the emotion, meaning
- Respect of the theme or collection

3. EQUIPMENT, MATERIAL, CLOTHING

3.1. Equipment and material provided by Skills Canada Yukon:

- Card Reader
- SD Card
- USB Stick for Submission of files

3.2. Equipment and material provided by the Competitor:

- Digital camera
- Camera Lens or lenses of the student's choice
- Camera support (tripod etc.) where appropriate
- Laptop with editing software
- Light meter (optional)
- Reflectors (optional)
- Speedlight Flashes (optional)

For students with no access to cameras/lenses, Skills Canada Yukon has limited amounts of equipment available for use on competition day on a first come first served basis. Students are encouraged to first utilize their networks of support to identify equipment before requesting support from our staff. Please contact yukon@skillscanada.com to enquire about available gear.

3.3. Required Clothing Provided by the Competitor

- Closed toe shoes
- Contestants must supply and wear the appropriate clothing (no muscle shirt, shorts, etc. Dress for taking pictures indoors and have appropriate clothing for taking pictures outdoors)

4. HEALTH & SAFETY

4.1. Safety Orientation

During orientation, Competitors will participate in a Safety workshop and they will be expected to work and maintain a safe working area during the competition.

List of required personal protective equipment (PPE) provided by Skills Canada Yukon:

- Safety Glasses
- Safety Vests
- Ear Plugs if necessary

NOTE: Competitors who do not have the required protective equipment/clothing will not be allowed to participate in the competition

4.2. Field Level Risk Assessment

SCY will complete a Field Level Risk Assessment for every competition area in addition to a full walkthrough with a representative from Yukon Workers Safety and Compensation Board to identify potential hazards and create solutions. The primary goal of an FLRA is to identify and mitigate potential risks to ensure the safety of competitors.

5. ASSESSMENT

5.1. Point Breakdown

	Composition	Technical	Impact	Respect of Theme	/80
Mystery Object	/5	/5	/5	/5	/20
In Camera, No Editing	/5	/5	/5	/5	/20
Personal Project	/5	/5	/5	/5	/20
Entire Portfolio	/5	/5	/5	/5	/20

5.2. Qualifying for the Skills Canada National Competition

Competitors can secure a win in their specific competitions by demonstrating exceptional skills and abilities, and meeting or exceeding established evaluation criteria. However, qualification for the Skills Canada National Competition is not solely determined by winning at the territorial level.

The decision to advance further depends on additional factors, such as the National Technical Committee's (NTC) assessment and/or the judges' discretion, which may take into account specific criteria beyond just event performance. These additional criteria could encompass a competitor's adherence to safety protocols, ethical conduct, teamwork, or overall professionalism, ensuring that those who represent the Territory at the national level not only excel in their technical skills but also embody the values and standards upheld by Skills Canada.

***Please note:** Not all territorial contest areas are eligible for the Skills Canada National Competition. Please refer to the SCNC website to determine if your skill area/level is eligible to compete.

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

6.1. Competition Rules

Refer to the competition rules of the Skills Canada Yukon Territorial Competition which can be found on our website.

6.2. Ties

Tiebreaker #1: In the event of a tie, the candidate with the highest safety score will be declared the winner.

Tiebreaker #2: If a tie still remains, the competitor with the highest score in the Entire Portfolio Criteria will be declared the winner.

6.3. Accessibility & Accommodations

Skills Canada Yukon is committed to providing a barrier-free environment which allows everyone to participate in our programs and competitions. We strive to be fully inclusive to all manner of disabilities and identities. SCY provides the opportunity for any competitor to disclose a disability on our competition registration form. Requests for accommodations must be made at least 3 weeks prior to the competition date.

7. NATIONAL & TERRITORIAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

7.1. The Yukon National Technical Committee member for Photography is Erik Pinkerton. Email: erik.pinkerton@gmail.com

7.2. Please contact yukon@skillscanada.com with questions or concerns related to the competition.