



STUDENT AUTO SKILLS

An Automotive Technology Competition

2008 QUALIFICATIONS of SCHOOLS

1. Each high school that has an automotive technology class as part of its curriculum may enter one team (Minimum of 2 to 10 students) per full- or part-time automotive instructor (**maximum of two teams**) in the state qualifying exam competition. Teams may be entered by the high school or by a vocational center, area technical school or Junior College that serves the local high school, but not by both.
2. Schools that do not have an automotive lab but have On-the-Job Training, as described in Item 2 under "Qualifications for Contestants", may enter one team (2 to 10 students) in the state qualifying examination competition.
3. Vocational centers, area technical schools and Junior Colleges that serve multiple high schools which do not enter any separate teams and have automotive classes and one or more full- or part-time automotive instructors may enter a team of 2 to 10, 11th & 12th grade junior & senior students per automotive instructor (**maximum of 4 teams**) in the state qualifying examination competition.
4. Each instructor must make a SEPARATE APPLICATION and may only enter ONE TEAM comprised of his/her students and each instructor, or an appropriate substitute, must accompany his/her students to the exam site. Once set, teams may not switch to a different instructor. This rule applies for both independent high schools and area technical schools supporting multiple high schools.
5. If two instructors from the same school qualify for the state "Hands-On" competition, each qualifying instructor must accompany his/her team to the competition. Substitute instructors are not eligible to accompany another instructor's team to the state "Hands-On" competition or the National Finals if they have entered a team of their own in the competition, and only one instructor will be allowed to accompany a team to the National Finals.
6. Eligibility requirements shall be confirmed by the State Department of Education Coordinator. By statute, New Jersey automotive technology programs must be ASE/N.A.T.E.F. certified to apply for the FORD/AAA STUDENT AUTO SKILLS competition.

2008 QUALIFICATIONS for CONTESTANTS

1. Contestants will be limited to students who have not reached their 20th birthday prior to July 1st of the calendar year of the competition. For the 2008 competition, that means any student born on or before June 30, 1988 is ineligible. Suitable identification, photo I.D. required, must be presented at both state qualifying exam and state competition sites.
2. Contestants must be 11th or 12th grade junior or senior students enrolled in a high school automotive technology class, or alternatively, be an 11th or 12th grade junior or senior student and be enrolled in an On-the-Job Training program and be attending at least one class period per day of automotive technology or one period per school day in a subject related to automotive technology in the school that the student represents. For eligibility exceptions, see 6 (A,B,C) below.
3. If a junior or senior student has completed all of the available automotive courses and is still a full-time high school student after January 1 of the calendar year of the competition, the student will be eligible to participate in that year.
4. Any student who withdraws from school for any reason after January 1 of the calendar year of the competition will be ineligible to enter the competition.
5. A contestant who previously qualified as a team member (even if they did not compete) in a STATE or NATIONAL Hands-On STUDENT AUTO SKILLS competition will not be eligible to compete. Juniors may take the state qualifying exam again during their senior year if their score was not high enough to qualify as a team member for the hands-on competition in the previous year. Juniors that qualified as team members for the Hands-On competition are ineligible as seniors.
6. (A) Students are not eligible if they are the son or daughter of a Ford Motor Company employee including: Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Mazda, Volvo, Jaguar, Aston Martin, Land Rover, Ford Customer Service Division, Corporate Office or field staff employee. This rule applies whether or not the child is a natural, adopted or foster child of the above employees. This rule does not apply to sons and daughters of dealership employees. See Part B.

(B) Students are eligible if they are the son or daughter of a Ford Motor Company franchised dealership employee or owner, including all companies listed in section (A), except if the employee has any involvement with the Student Auto Skills program at either the state or national level.

(C) Students are eligible if they are working as an intern at a Ford Motor Company franchised dealership including all related companies listed in the above section (A), as long as their parents are not employed by Ford Motor Company, including all related companies listed in section (A) (this does not include dealership employees mentioned in Section B), and the students and/or their parents do not have any involvement with the Students Auto Skills program, either at the state or national level.
7. No natural or adopted child of or any claimed tax dependent of, any AAA employee in the National Headquarters, or in an affiliated Club, will be eligible to compete in the FORD/AAA STUDENT AUTO SKILLS competition.
8. If there are questions, comments or concerns regarding the above eligibility requirements, please call or write AAA National Headquarters (407) 444-7762 astanley@National.AAA.com; Allan Stanley, National Manager, FORD/AAA STUDENT AUTO SKILLS, 1000 AAA Dr. MS-75, Heathrow, FL 32746-5063.