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A Message from the President of Skills Canada Alberta



I'm proud to share highlights from Skills Canada Alberta's 2024–2025 programming year—a year defined by innovation, growth, and meaningful impact. This report reflects the collective efforts of our team, volunteers, and partners in inspiring, developing, and elevating Alberta's youth in the skilled trades and technologies.

Throughout the year, our commitment to fostering a parity of esteem for careers in the trades and technologies was evident across every initiative. Whether through classroom-based experiences like Try-A-Trade® Takeout, Skills in the Classroom, and Skills Exploration Days, or our flagship competition programming, we continued to create hands-on, high-impact opportunities that connect students to career pathways in a tangible and memorable way.

In total, we reached more than 49,000 students across Alberta—extending our programming to new communities and deepening our presence in others. These outcomes underscore not only the relevance of our work, but the strength of the partnerships we've built with educators, industry leaders, and government stakeholders who share our vision.

As you explore this year's highlights, we hope you see what we've witnessed all year long: the incredible potential of Alberta's youth, and the power of experiential learning to shape their futures.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ray Massey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Ray Massey
President
Skills Canada Alberta

Our Mandate

Skills Canada Alberta (SCA) is a provincial non-profit organization that works collaboratively with industry, labour, government and education stakeholders to inspire, develop, and elevate Alberta's skilled youth.

The ideal of parity of esteem for Albertans in the skilled trades and technologies is a foundational belief of Skills Canada Alberta and is reflected in all our programming. We are committed to educating young people in Alberta about the motivating and rewarding career opportunities available to them in the trades and technologies.

SCA continues to be a leader in providing an unparalleled platform for students to explore their skills and interests in the trades and technologies. We have built a reputation for effectively providing innovative, hands-on learning experiences for Alberta's youth through our various programs:



SCA is member organization of the national association, Skills/Compétences Canada (SCC) which has offices in each territory and province in Canada. The Skills Movement begins at the local level and provides a path for students to national and international training opportunities. SCC is a member organization to WorldSkills International, connecting Canada to the global movement to raise the profile and recognition of skilled people and show how critical skills are in achieving economic growth.



Our Mission

Skills Canada Alberta is a provincial, not-for-profit organization that actively promotes careers in skilled trades and technologies to Alberta's youth.

Our Vision

Skills Canada Alberta will be a model of excellence in the promotion of skilled trade and technology careers to youth in our province and in our country.

Our Goals

- To improve the public perception of the importance of trade and technology-based careers.
- To promote the career path opportunities within trades and technologies.
- To enhance the quality of technological education.
- To develop and maintain strong links between business, education, government and labour.
- To encourage students to recognize the value of completing secondary and post-secondary education for personal development and future employability.



Highlights

Try-A-Trade® Takeout reached more than 25,000 students from 290 schools.

Had our largest **Skills Exploration Days** participation to date with 3,960 students from 104 schools participating.

Connected with 9,776 students and 138 teachers with **Skills in the Classroom** presentations.

492 secondary and 178 post secondary competitors took part in the **2025 Provincial Skills Canada Competition**.

More than 8,700 students toured the 2025 Provincial Skills Canada Competition on a school field trip.

Team Alberta received medals in 36 of the 57 contest areas we participated in at the **2025 Skills Canada National Competition**.

12 members of Team Alberta were invited to join Team Canada for **WorldSkills Shanghai, 2026**.

Ben Rainforth earned a bronze medal in Welding at **WorldSkills Lyon, 2024**, representing Alberta and Team Canada.

Partners

SCA brings together industry, labour, education, and government partners to provide the necessary funding to support our endeavours, and ensure students have minimal barriers to participate.

Government Partners

- Employment and Social Development Canada
- Government of Alberta Ministry of Advanced Education

Skills Champion

- Inter Pipeline

Skills Leaders

- Carpenters Regional Council
- Pembina
- Canadian Natural Resources
- CLAC
- DOW Canada

Skills Innovators

- Kiewit Corporation
- RBC Foundation
- Keyera
- Building Trades of Alberta
- Workforce Development Trust
- Canadian Armed Forces

Skills Motivators

- NAIT
- TC Energy
- CN Railway
- Worley
- Finning
- Ledcor
- Jardeg
- SAIT
- Weyerhaeuser

Skills Presenters

- PCL
- Edmonton Construction Association
- Millwrights Local 1460
- Red Deer Polytechnic
- Fix Network
- Imperial
- Sheet Metal Workers Local 8
- Northwest Redwater Partnership

Skills Makers

- Electrical Contractors Association of Alberta
- Insulators Training Trust Fund
- EITCA and IBEW
- Kaizen Automotive
- Lethbridge Polytechnic
- Nutrien

Skills Supporters

- MacEwan University
- Architectural Woodwork Manufacturers Association of Canada
- MC College
- UA Local 488
- Eagle Builders
- Wolf Midstream
- Northern Lakes College
- EPCOR
- CWB Welding Foundation
- CARSTAR Collision and Glass
- Olds College
- CNOOC
- Spartan Controls
- Taurus Projects
- Mammoet
- Operating Engineers Local 955
- Open Circle
- Flint Corporation
- Northwestern Polytechnic



Friends of Skills



3M Automotive Aftermarket Division

ABB Group

AGC Professional Resources

Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training

Alberta Carpenters Training Centre

Alberta Construction Association

Alberta Pipe Trades College 488

Andrew Sheret

Argus Machining Co. Ltd.

Arpi's North Inc.

Aspen Brick & Stone

AWMAC

BakeMark Canada

BASF

Berkshire Contracting

Bob Dale Gloves

Boilermakers Local 146 Apprenticeship

Bosch

Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 1 Alberta

Building Trades of Alberta

Bunzl Canada

Burckhardt Compression

C & I Crossroads

Callebaut

Canada Brick

Canadian Armed Forces

Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.

Canadian Welding Bureau

Canadian Woodworker

Canplas

Carpenters Regional Council

CARSTAR Collision and Glass

Cast Supply Edmonton Inc.

Centrotherm

City Lumber

CLAC

CN Rail

Color Compass Corporation

Computers for Schools

Consulab

Copper Alliance

D.A.D. Sales

Daimler Trucks Canada Limited

Dee-Jay Plumbing and Heating

Delta Faucets

DOW

DS Solidworks Corporation

Eagle Builders

Eclipse Auto Refinishing

Edmonton Construction Association

EECOL Electric

EITCA & IBEW

Electrical Contractors Association of Alberta

EMCO Corporation

Emerson Climate Technologies

Expocrete and Old Castle Company

Falon Welding

Festo

Fiddlerock Masonry

Finning Canada

Fix Auto

Fix Network

Fixturelaser

Flint Six Inc.

Formations Inc.

Gene Haas Foundation

Gillis Quarries

Glover International

Goldbar Contractors

Government of Alberta

Government of Canada

Graham

Great 8 Construction

Great Lakes Copper

HAAS

Habitat for Humanity

Hofmann

Hoover Mechanical Plumbing & Heating Ltd.

Hunter Engineering Company

I.X.L. Building Products

IBI Group

Icon Industrial Contractors

Ideal Industries

IMI - Edmonton Training Facility

Imperial

Independent Supply

In-House Solutions

Inspiring Design and Fabrication

Insulators Local 110

Inter Pipeline

Intermatic Inc.

International Union of Operating Engineers Local 955

IPEX

Jardeg

JLL Canada

Johnson's Sewing

Kaizen Automotive Group
 KAR Industrial
 Keen Creative
 Keeprite
 Keyano College
 Keyera
 Kidde Canada
 Kiewit
 Lakeland College
 Ledcor Group
 Legacy Heating & Cooling
 Lethbridge Polytechnic
 Leviton
 Lincoln Electric
 Linde
 LKQ Corporation
 L'Moor
 Luxusnails
 MacEwan University
 Madsens Custom Cabinets
 Mammoet
 Matrix
 MC College
 Mechanical Contractors
 Association of Alberta
 Medicine Hat College
 Metric Machine Tool
 Services

Meuwlys
 Mich Consulting
 Millwrights Local 1460
 Mine Cable Services
 Moen
 NAIT
 North West Redwater
 Partnership
 Northern Lakes College
 Northwestern Polytechnic
 Nutrien
 Oatey
 Olds College
 One Step Beyond
 OpenCircle
 PCL Construction
 Pembina Pipeline
 Corporation
 Phoenix Contact Canada
 Pivot Point
 Points West Marketing
 Portage College
 Pratts Food Service
 Priority Mechanical Ltd.
 Pro West Sales
 PROBEAUTY Group
 Rahau
 Range Mobility Inc.

RBC Foundation
 Red Deer Polytechnic
 Refrigeration Association
 Refrigerative Supply Ltd.
 Richelieu Hardware
 Ricoh
 Ridgid Tools
 Rinnai
 Rittal
 Rotaflow Fire and Utility
 SAIT
 Sandvik Coromant
 SATA
 Scorpio Masonry
 Services Techniques Claud
 Drouin Inc.
 Sheet Metal Contractors
 Association of Alberta
 Sheet Metal Workers Local 8
 Sherwood Park Dodge
 Sierrah Bennett Media
 Silent-Aire Ltd.
 Skills Canada Collision
 Repair Program
 Skyline Electric
 Snap-On Tools
 Solderweld
 Spark Power
 Sprinkler Fitters of Local 496

St. Albert Dodge
 Stinson Catering Ltd.
 Target/Spec Mix
 TC Energy
 Thermal Insulation
 Association of Alberta
 Thomas Skinner
 Timerstone Distribution
 Total Plumbing & Heating
 Troy Life & Fire Safety Ltd.
 UA Local 488
 Uni-Ram
 University of Alberta
 Upper Canada
 Velocity Truck Centre
 Victualic
 Viega
 Vipond
 Vleeming Construction
 Watts
 Western Millcraft
 Weyerhaeuser
 White Cap Supply Canada
 Wolseley Canada
 Women Building Futures
 Workforce Development
 Trust
 Worley

"She is honestly a huge force in the province — not just in skills, but in what she does to provide opportunities for students. She's had a huge impact on a huge number of students, and I'm very proud of her for that."

- Jeff Lerouge, long-time colleague of Tracey, Culinary PTC member

Tracey Millar

2025 Volunteer of the Year

Tracey has dedicated countless hours to the Hairstyling competitions at the Regional, Provincial, and National levels since becoming a member of the Provincial Technical Committee in 2008. In that time, she has served as Provincial and National Chair and has organized and hosted the Central Regional Skills Canada Competition for Hairstyling.

During her teaching career Tracey shared her knowledge with so many students, helping them find their passion in the trade. She's one of Alberta's biggest champions for students pursuing careers not only in Hairstyling, but in all trades. Tracey brings expertise, energy, fun and passion to every role she fills for Skills and does it with kindness and flare!



Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart of every Skills Canada Alberta initiative. Each year, more than 750 individuals—including Provincial Technical Committee (PTC) members, judges, mentors, and Try-A-Trade® volunteers—generously contribute their time and expertise to empower and inspire Alberta's youth to explore fulfilling education and career pathways.

Our dedicated Provincial Technical Committees shape the structure of each of our competitions, define the skills and knowledge being evaluated, and help secure the tools, materials, and equipment needed to bring our competitions to life. Our Regional Skills Canada Competitions are also made possible thanks to the leadership of Regional Technical Committees. Simply put, our events wouldn't be possible without the passion and commitment of the educators and industry professionals who volunteer with us.

Skills Alumni Group of Alberta

The SAGA Continues

All students who take part in our programs become part of a community of individuals who value hard work and talent in the trades and technologies. The Skills Alumni Group of Alberta (SAGA) is a network for Skills Alumni, allowing them to continue fueling their passion for growth in their field.

This year SAGA provided opportunities for networking and career growth, including a workshop focusing on leadership and entrepreneurship hosted by alumni who own their own businesses. In 2024 we launched Skillz and Thrillz, Alberta's Trade and Tech Youth Podcast, which features the inspiring stories and journeys of our alumni. We also engage our SAGA members with volunteer roles in our programming.

We look forward to growing our SAGA network and providing them with many more opportunities in the coming years.

Ben Rainforth

2025 Alumni of the Year

Ben has been competing in Skills competitions since 2019 – starting in high school competing for Lacombe Composite High School. He won a gold medal in secondary Welding at the 2019 Provincial and National competitions. He began competing at the post-secondary level in 2021, earning a silver medal provincially that year, and a bronze medal in 2022. In 2023 he took home the gold medal at provincials, and at nationals – earning a spot on Team Canada.

Ben spent over a year training and ultimately earned a bronze medal for Canada at WorldSkills Lyon, 2024.

Ben now helps train welding competitors for Red Deer Polytechnic, and will be joining the Provincial Technical Committee for welding.

"I've had help from so many people — it's insane. And that all comes from just showing up. Just one day at a time."



Try-A-Trade[®] Takeout

In partnership with various industry and education leaders, SCA offers Try-A-Trade[®] Takeout activities to schools across the province. Teachers were able to order kits for different activities, giving students the chance to test-drive careers and learn new skills from their own classrooms. Each kit includes all necessary materials to complete the activity, as well as instructions and tutorial videos where needed.

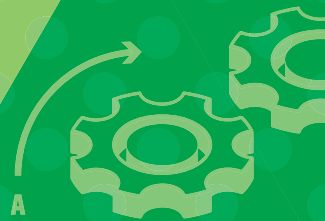
12 activities representing 7 different trade and technology areas were offered.


- Basketball game – Cabinet Making
- Brick Archway – Bricklaying
- Electrical Connector Bracelet – Heavy Vehicle Technology
- Laser tripwire – Electronics
- Leather pouch – Fashion Technology
- Photo frame – Refrigeration & Air Conditioning
- Road sign – Printing & Sign Making
- Shoot the moon game – Carpentry
- Shop dustpan – Sheet Metal Work
- Squirrel picnic table – Carpentry
- Sushi rolling – Culinary Arts
- Water level sensor – Electronics

Reached 25,000 students from 290 schools.

"I was so impressed with all the supplies that were included to complete the project. Thank you!"

"The projects were fun and realistically portrayed the trades. Students were highly engaged and looked forward to my class everyday."





"Our class loved the opportunity to create something on their own! Kids were super engaged and so proud of their creation! The kids were begging to do it again and try something new! Fantastic experience!" - Samantha Anderson, Wilma Hansen School.

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Communities Building Skills

In 2024/2025, over
49,000 students
registered for
Skills Canada
Alberta programs,
representing 191
Alberta communities.



Skills in the Classroom

The goal of Skills in the Classroom is to provide students with an energetic and impactful experience that will help them with their career and education planning. With our interactive, free presentations, students learn about:

- Local and global trends in the world of work.
- How to equip themselves with employable and transferable skills for success.
- How to turn their interests and skills into a career path.
- Rewarding education and career options in the trades and technologies

This year:

- 9,776 students and 138 teachers were reached through 231 presentations.
- Skills Canada Alberta was an exhibitor and presenter at many Teachers Conventions and career events across the province.



"Kennedy delivers with enthusiasm and in a language and way that connects with the kids. Even my chronic sleepyheads were awake." - Monica To, J.R. Robson School

"My favourite part was learning about trades and the fact that anyone can do anything if they put their mind to it."

Skills Exploration Days

Skills Exploration Days is a junior high program designed to complement and support Alberta Education's Career and Technology Foundations (CTF) Program of Studies. Through Skills Exploration Days, SCA introduces students to careers in the trades and technologies at a younger age, before they start to make education and career decisions.

The purpose of Skills Exploration Days is to:

- Inspire junior high students to identify and explore inherent skills and interests.
- Connect students' skills and interests to trade and technology careers through interactive, hands-on activities.
- Provide schools and students with the tools and equipment necessary to promote trade and technology career exploration in their classrooms.

The program is facilitated in three parts:

- An in-classroom legacy toolbox and Learn-A-Skill kits provide students with skill development activities that allow them to test new trade and technology skills.
- In their classrooms, students work in teams using the Design Thinking process to address a real-world challenge.
- Using the skills learned with the Learn-A-Skill kits, students come together for an interactive live-stream to build a prototype and share their finished projects.

More than **3,960 students** from 104 schools registered for the program and received \$4,500 worth of tools to support their CTF programming.

Girls Exploring Trades and Technologies



The Girls Exploring Trades and Technologies (GETT) program is an excellent opportunity for the young women in schools across Alberta to discover that the trades are open to everyone. The program is a celebration of women in trade and technology careers, helping high school girls gain a new perspective on the diverse career paths available to them.

GETT in the Classroom

Schools were given the opportunity to order Try-A-Trade® Takeout kits specifically for female students to complete. These kits included female-led instructional videos and focused on sheet metal work, woodworking, aesthetics and refrigeration. An application form for these kits opened in early 2025, and 10 schools were selected to receive 4 kits for 30 students each. This meant each selected school received 100 individual kits.

GETT Gathering

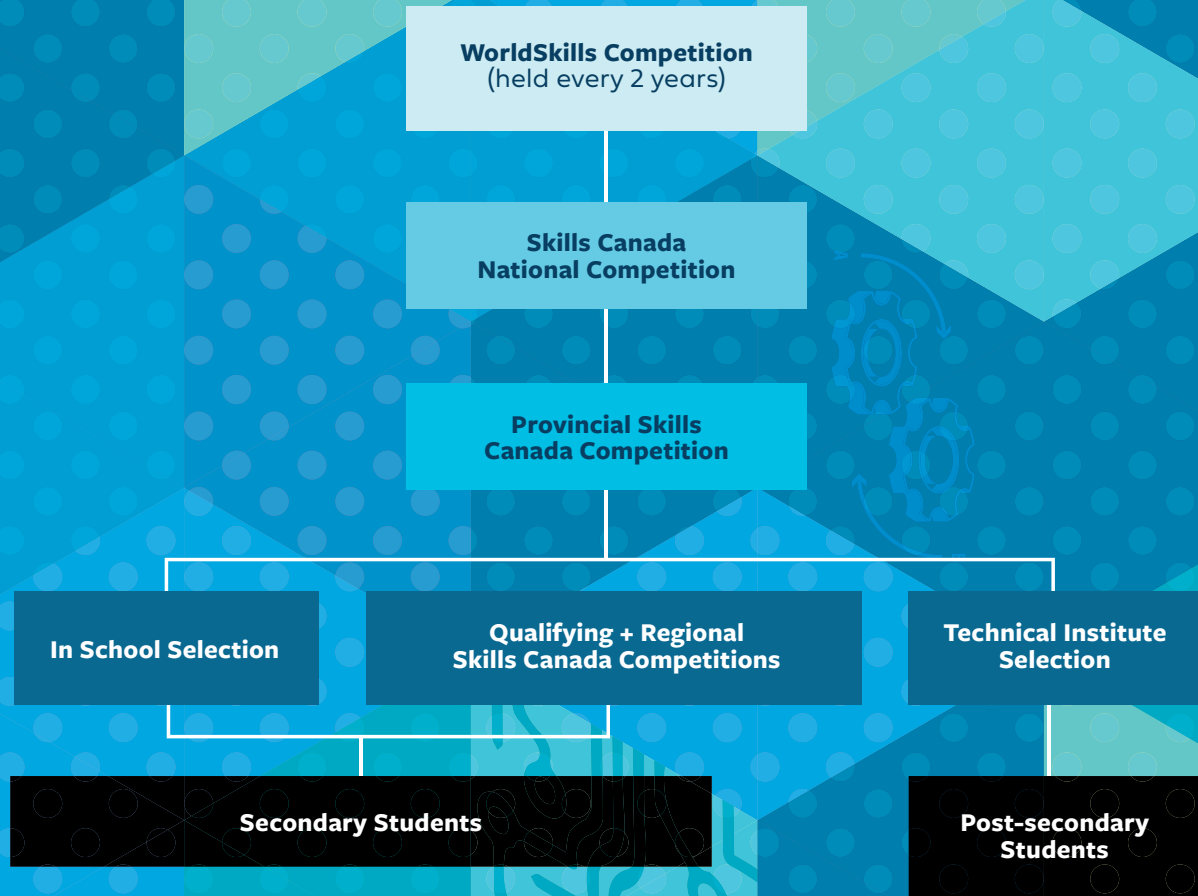
High school girls from across the province came together at the 2025 Provincial Skills Canada Competition for the GETT Gathering, where they were able to connect with certified tradeswomen, apprentices and technology experts – our Industry Influencers. Their stories, experiences and knowledge broaden the participants' perspective on their own career opportunities, encouraging them to think big!

At the GETT Gathering, students participate in round-table discussions, watch a panel discussion with female trade and technology leaders, and tour the competition floor filled with Try-A-Trades® and Skill City exhibitors.

180 female students
from 13 schools
attended the GETT
Gathering.



Where Can Your Skills Take You



Regional Skills Canada Competitions

High school students in some contest areas start their Skills journey at a Regional Skills Canada Competition. SCA is thankful to the technical institutes, regional career development organizations and high schools that host and support our 9 Regional Skills Canada Competitions (RSCC). With the tremendous support of our partners, 748 high school students participated in 91 unique events throughout Alberta.

Regional Competition	Hosts and Organizers
Calgary	SAIT, Bowness High School
Central	Red Deer Polytechnic, École Secondaire Notre Dame High School
Edmonton	NAIT, Alberta Carpenters Training Centre, MC College
Lakeland	Lakeland College
North East	Portage College
North West	Northwestern Polytechnic, Fairview High School
South East	Medicine Hat College, McCoy High School, Crescent Heights High School
South West	Lethbridge College
Wood Buffalo	Keyano College



33rd Annual Provincial Skills Canada Competition

The philosophy of the Provincial Skills Canada Competition (PSCC) is to reward students for excellence, to directly involve industry in evaluating student performance and to keep training relevant to employers' needs.

During the competition, secondary and post-secondary students compete in one of 43 contest areas, and work on a project that has been designed by experts in that field. Many gold medalists at the PSCC are rewarded with an appointment to Team Alberta and an opportunity to showcase their talents at the Skills Canada National Competition, with further opportunity to progress to a WorldSkills Competition.

492

secondary
competitors

43

competition
areas

171

post-secondary
competitors

Safety award

Electrical
Installations



2025 Provincial Skills Canada Competition Contest Areas

2D Character Computer Animation

3D Character Computer Animation

3D Digital Game Art

Aesthetics

Architectural Technology & Design

Autobody Repair

Automobile Technology

Baking

Bricklaying

Cabinet Making

Car Painting

Carpentry

CNC Machining

Culinary Arts

Electrical Installations

Electronics

Fashion Technology

Graphic Design

Hairstyling

Heavy Vehicle Technology

Industrial Control

Industrial Mechanic /
Millwright

IT - Network Systems
Administration

IT – Office Software
Applications

Job Search

Job Skill Demonstration

Joinery

Mechanical CADD

Mechanical Insulation

Mechatronics

Photography

Plumbing

Precision Machining

Public Speaking

Refrigeration & Air
Conditioning

Robotics

Sheet Metal

Sprinkler Systems

Steamfitter/Pipefitter

Video Production

Web Design & Development

Welding

Workplace Safety

Participating High Schools

High Schools that took part in the Regional and/or Provincial Skills Canada Competitions:

Alberta High School of Fine Arts
All Saints High School
Anzac Community School - Bill Woodward School
Archbishop Jordan High School
Archbishop O'Leary
Ardrossan Junior Senior High School
Ashmont Secondary School
Austin O'Brien
Barrhead Composite High School
Bellerose Composite High School
Bert Church High School
Bev Facey Community High School
Bishop McNally High School
Bishop O'Byrne High School
Bishop O'Byrne High School
Bowness High School
Boyle School
Brooks Composite High School
Calmar School
Calvin Christian School
Camrose Composite High School
Cardston High School
Catholic Central High School
Centennial High School
Central Memorial High School
Charles Spencer High School
Chestermere High School

Chinook High School
Christ the King - Elementary and Junior High School
Christ the King Junior Senior High School
Coalhurst High School
Cold Lake High School
Connections for Learning
Crescent Heights High School - Calgary
Crescent Heights High School - Medicine Hat
Crowsnest Consolidated High School
CT Centre
Delburne Centralized School
Didsbury High School
Dr. Margaret-Ann Armour School
Eagle Butte High School
Eckville Junior Senior High School
Ecole H. J. Cody High School
Ecole McTavish High School
Ecole Plamondon School
Ecole Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School
Ecole Secondaire Notre Dame High School
Edwin Parr Composite Community School
Ernest Manning High School
F. P. Walshe School

Fairview High School
Father Lacombe School - Calgary
Father Mercredi High School
Foothills Composite High School
Forest Lawn High School
Fort McMurray Composite High School
Georges P. Vanier School - Donnelly
Glenmary School
Grande Prairie Composite High School
Harry Ainlay High School
Heinsburg Community School
Henry Wise Wood High School
Holy Family Catholic Elementary/Junior High School
Holy Rosary High School
Holy Trinity - Fort McMurray
Holy Trinity Academy - Okotoks
Hope Christian School - Central
Hope Christian School - Sylvan Lake
Hugh Sutherland School
Hunting Hills High School
Immanuel Christian Secondary School
Iron Ridge Secondary Campus
J. H. Picard
J. Percy Page High School
J. R. Robson School
Jack James High School
James Fowler High School

Jasper Place School
Joane Cardinal-Schubert High School
John G. Diefenbaker High School
Lacombe Composite High School
Lakeside Outreach School

Leduc Composite High School
Lester B. Pearson Senior High School
Lethbridge Collegiate Institute
Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School
Livingstone School
Lloydminster Comprehensive High School
Lord Beaverbrook High School
Louis St. Laurent
Magrath Junior Senior High School
Mannville School
Master's Academy & College
Matthew Halton High School
McCoy High School
Medicine Hat High School
Morinville Community High School
Mother Margaret Mary Catholic High School
Nelson Mandela High School
Noble Central School
North Trail High School
Notre Dame High School
Ohpaho Secondary School
Old Scona Academic
Olds Junior Senior High School

Oneway Junior Senior High School
Our Lady of the Rockies High School
Paul Kane High School
Peace River High School
Peace Wapiti Academy
Penhold Crossing Secondary School
Picture Butte High School
Ponoka Secondary Campus
Prairie Christian Academy
Prairie River Junior High School
Queen Elizabeth School
Raymond High School
Richard F. Staples Secondary School
Salisbury Composite High School
Sexsmith Secondary School
Sherwood Heights Junior High School
South Central High School
Spruce Grove Composite High School
St. Albert Catholic High School
St. Andre Bessette Catholic School
St. Augustine School
St. Brendan Catholic Elementary/
Junior High School
St. Cecilia Catholic Junior High School
St. John Paul II Catholic School -
Grande Prairie
St. Joseph Catholic High School -
Edmonton
St. Joseph Catholic High School -
Grande Prairie
St. Joseph High School - Red Deer
St. Paul Regional High School

St. Thomas More Catholic School -
Fairview
STEM Innovation Academy High
School
Strathcona Christian Academy
Sturgeon Composite High School
Tofield School
Trinity Learning Centre
Vegreville Composite High School
W. P. Wagner School
W. R. Myers High School
Wainwright High School
West Central High School
West Ridge School
Willow Creek Composite High School
Winston Churchill High School

WorldSkills Provincial Champion Scholarship

Skills Canada Alberta is committed to inspiring students, developing their talents and elevating the skill level of trades and technologies in Alberta. Each year at the Provincial Skills Canada Competition, we award three scholarships of \$1200 each to the two highest ranking grade 12 medalists and the top ranking post-secondary competitor in each contest area. In total \$97,200 in scholarships were awarded to 40 high school students and 29 post-secondary students.

\$97,200
scholarships
awarded

Post-Secondary Competitors

Post-secondary students apply to compete via an online form, with a reference from their training institute. This process encourages apprentices and post-secondary students with a passion for their field to take part in the Provincial Skills Canada Competition. Instructors that work alongside the students can make referrals not only based on grades, but also on attitude and aptitude for success.

The below post-secondary and training institutes had student representation at the 2025 Provincial Skills Canada Competition:

Alberta Pipe Trades College

Bow Valley College

CLAC

CT Centre

Keyano College

Lakeland College

Lethbridge College

MC College (Calgary,
Edmonton, Red Deer)

Medicine Hat College

NAIT

NorQuest College

Northern Lakes College

Northwestern Polytechnic

Olds College

One Beauty Academy

Portage College

Red Deer Polytechnic

SAIT

University of Alberta



School Field Trips at Skill City

Over 8,700 students from 141 schools toured the 2025 Provincial Skills Canada Competition (PSCC) to gain insight into their trade and technology education and career options. Students are transported to a world of possibilities where they can test drive dozens of career options with our Try-A-Trades® and Try-A-Skills. Observing the high skill level of our competitors inspires students to develop their own inherent skills. Field Trips to the Provincial Skills Canada Competition included:

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Try-A-Trades®
and Try-A-Skills

Access to
60
industry and
education exhibitors
at Skill City.

Skill City

Skill City at the Provincial Skills Canada Competition is a high energy, informative and interactive career fair for junior and senior high school students who are looking for inspiration and information on what their future careers can become. Skill City bridges the gap between students seeking career information and the leaders within the trade and technology sectors looking to connect with a new generation of skilled talent. The employers, colleges, training institutions, government partners, labour groups and associations featured in Skill City demonstrate the opportunity and skill level required to succeed in Alberta's economy.

53 Try-A-Trades® on the competition floor, including 31 sponsored Try-A-Trades® (Cash and In-kind)

- **8 Skills Presenter Try-A-Trade® Partners:**
Carpenters Regional Council, Jardeg, Finning, NAIT, Canadian Natural Resources, Canadian Armed Forces, SAIT and CLAC.
- **4 Skills Maker Try-A-Trade® Partners:**
PCL, Red Deer Polytechnic, Kaizen Automotive Group, Fix Network.
- **2 Skills Supporter Try-A-Trade® Partners:**
Bosch and Keen Creative.
- **3 Teacher Zone Try-A-Trade® Partners:**
Lethbridge Polytechnic, CWB Welding Foundation, and Red Deer Polytechnic.
- **14 Friends of Skills Try-A-Trade® Partners:** IBEW Local 424 & EITCA, UA Local 488, Northwestern Polytechnic, MacEwan University, Mc College, Flint Corp, Mammoet, Olds College, Eagle Builders, Northern Lakes College, EPCOR, AWMAC, Graham Construction, International Union of Operating Engineers (Local 955) and CARSTAR Collision and Glass.

Try-A-Trades® & Try-A-Skills

Try-A-Trades® and Try-A-Skills have developed into a core feature of the Provincial Skills Canada Competition (PSCC). A Try-A-Trade® is a simple, interactive demonstration in which participants can try an aspect of a trade. A Try-A-Skill offers students the same type of demonstration in a technology. This part of the event has been popular among school tours and has continually grown each year. Try-A-Trade® is a registered trademark of Skills Canada Alberta.



Team Alberta

May 28-31, 2025

The gold medalists from the 2025 Provincial Skills Canada Competition (PSCC) were invited to become a part of Team Alberta and represented the province at the Skills Canada National Competition (SCNC) in Regina, SK. Strategic alignment of projects at the regional, provincial and national level ensured our students were prepared for the increasing difficulty of competing at the next level of competition.

11

gold medals

12

silver medals

13

bronze medals

Team Canada

Representing Canada on the world stage is the highest level of participation in Skills Canada. WorldSkills Competitions and the momentum of the Skills Movement represent the global shift in awareness of the importance of trade and technology careers.

The WorldSkills competition takes place every two years, and in September 2026 will take place in Shanghai, China. Young people with exceptional skills in the trades and technologies will come together on the global stage and compete against the best of the best from around the world.

Team Canada for WorldSkills Shanghai 2026 was selected at the 2025 Skills Canada National Competition. 12 of Alberta's post-secondary competitors will be heading to Shanghai to represent Team Canada.

Competitor	School	Contest Area
Anika Jones	SAIT	Car Painting
Benjamin Jamison	SAIT	Aircraft Maintenance
Carter Kokot	SAIT	Automobile Technology
Cooper Ross	Ernest Manning High School	Web Technologies
Jacob McClelland	SAIT	CNC Milling
Keegan Sturge	Keyano College	Electrical Installations
Kylar Bloomberg	Lethbridge Polytechnic	Plumbing
Logan Peters	Lakeland College	Carpentry
Lucas Stang	Red Deer Polytechnic	Welding
Luke Emeny	Northwestern Polytechnic	Heavy Vehicle Technology
Tate McGarry	SAIT	Cabinet Making
Tyler Gunther	SAIT	Industrial Mechanics Millwright

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