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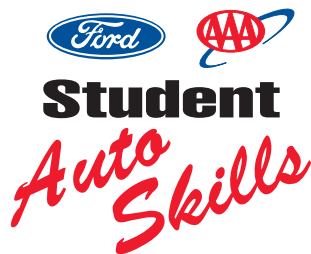
Names of all contestants are submitted to Ford Motor Co. dealers, AAA Club Owned Fleets, AAA Approved Auto Repair facilities and many other sponsoring organizations that have a need for auto service specialists.

The competition complements other Ford and AAA efforts to promote the training and certification of qualified auto service technicians. These activities enlarge the pool of trained auto repair personnel available to serve the public.

How to Enter

An entry fee allows a full or part-time instructor and a minimum of 2 students to enter. Fees help defray the cost of supplying service publications to qualifying teams as well as other expenses. The application fee is the only fee incurred by an instructor to participate, regardless of how far their team progresses in the competition.

To enroll, please submit a completed current year application (between September 15th and December 1st) along with the entry fee to the address on the application. Application materials can be obtained from www.autoskills.com. Instructors can also contact us on the website to request for an application be sent to you.



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Basic Facts



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About the Competition

The competition is co-sponsored by AAA and Ford Motor Co. Its objective is to encourage talented young people to pursue careers as automotive service technicians. AAA and Ford wholeheartedly support this objective and are committed to this program as an investment in the future of our young people and improved automotive service for AAA members, Ford Motor Co. customers and all motorists.

How the Competition Works

This is a nationwide competition for 11th and 12th grade students in secondary schools and colleges (serving local high schools) that offer courses in automotive technology and have at least one full or part-time automotive instructor. A school may enter up to two teams. Teams made up of a minimum of 2 students per automotive instructor, but each instructor must apply individually.

Each participating instructor selects as many of their 11th and 12th grade auto technology students as they desire to take a state qualifying examination which is administered in cooperation with the Department of Education in each state.

The combined score of the two highest scoring students from each school becomes the team or school score for the state finals.

In most states the ten teams scoring highest on the state qualifying exam then move into the “hands-on” state finals scheduled each year in late April or early May. In the “hands-on” competition, new Ford Motor Co. vehicles are intentionally and uniformly “bugged” so that each team has identical malfunctions to diagnose and repair.

The competition requires repairs to be made with the highest quality workmanship in the lowest total time.

The winning two-person team from each state and their instructor are provided expense-paid trips to the national finals in June.

At the national competition, each member of team will take a written examination. Errors on the exam are converted into a time penalty that is added to the team’s time for the “hands-on” mechanical competition in both the state and national competition.

Each vehicle in the competition is supervised by a team judge who supplies new parts upon request. When a team believes it has returned its vehicle to normal working order the hood is closed, signaling the timer to stop the team’s clock. Then the team and its judge, take the vehicle on a short road test.

The team may then return the vehicle to their work area for further diagnosis and repair, or proceed to final judging.

The team with the fewest quality-of-workmanship demerits and the best combined total score of repair time and written examination will be declared the winner.

Prizes and Awards

Students, instructors, and schools win savings bonds, scholarships, trophies, jackets, certificates, shop manuals, trips and automotive equipment for their schools. Opportunities with the Ford ASSET/FACT program will be available to many of the competition finalists. Awards and recognition start with local competitions.