

Road to Gold Alberta 2009

AWS TeamUSA Welder Selection Process

July 2008	Invite participants qualifying from the SkillsUSA Championships in 2007 and 2008 plus any red shirts from TeamUSA Welder selection process that meet the WSC age criteria. They must complete a questionnaire to be given a competitor number. Up to 12 of the highest scoring candidates from the 2007 and 2008 SkillsUSA Championships will be invited.
Aug-Sept 2008	Contestants will practice and prepare during the PreWeld off phase for the AWS Weld-Off (only the top six will advance to the AWS Weld-Off) Complete sets of projects (test plates, pipe, AL, SS and pressure vessel projects) will be completed at their home schools. The projects will be sent to various companies around the country for scoring.
Oct 6-8, 2008	Top six candidates from PreWeld-Off will represent their state, school, AWS Section and AWS District at the AWS Welding Show in LasVegas, NV (Only the three medallists will advance to the next phase)
Jan -May 2009	Selected contestants will practice and prepare during pre-trial phase for the USOpen Weld Trials (three have been selected only two will advance to the USOpen Weld Trials) The top AWS Weld-Off candidate will be given opportunities to travel overseas to represent the USA at various other national welding championships during the PreWeld Trials phase of the selection process. Complete sets of projects (test plates, pipe, AL, SS and pressure vessel projects) will be completed at their home schools. Judging will take place at various companies around the country.
June 2009	The USOpen Weld Trials at a site <u>yet to be determined</u> will consist of the two SkillsUSA competitors and four international competitors.
July - August, 2009	Concentrated Post-Trial training as required for the TeamUSA Welder that was selected at the USOpen Weld Trials

Post-Trial Training Partners

Lincoln Electric
Northrop Grumman Ship Systems
Miller Electric
United Association
(list will be expanded as needed)

September 1-6 2009 40th World Skills Competition Calgary, Alberta, Canada

The SkillsUSA participants will receive the following awards and prizes through the American Welding Society:

Travel expensed for the SkillsUSA competitors are provided for the Weld-Off and the USOpen Welding Trials.

The USOpen Weld Trials SkillUSA Champion will receive a \$40,000, four-year scholarship through the AWS Foundation and sponsored by Miller Electric Mfg. Co., up to \$1000.00 in AWS publications, and a four-year complimentary full AWS membership. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be the only other awards given at the USOpen Weld Trials.

At the Weld-Off all participants will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for books, tuition, or lab fees, and a one-year complimentary full AWS membership.

Travel and lodging expenses will be furnished for the SkillsUSA winner and the winner's instructor for the trip to Calgary, Alberta, Canada to compete in the World Skills Competition in November of 2009.

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