



Limestone Skills Competition
Thursday February 26, 2026
Inclement weather date Friday February 27, 2026

St Lawrence College
Dynamic Design Salon Lab

Name of Event: HAIRSTYLING – SECONDARY LEVEL

Limestone Skills Competition Chair: Brooke Henderson

Judges: - Devin Davison- Carruthers, Amanda Gaswell, Kaydian Martin

Notes to the participants: The competition will begin at 9:30am. February 26, 2026, at the Dynamic Design Salon- St. Lawrence College. All travel arrangements should be made by students prior to the competition day.

Purpose of the Contest:

To allow students the opportunity to demonstrate their creative skills and knowledge of Hairstyling, to their peers, industry professionals and potential employers. To provide students with input from industry professionals which ensure that today's market demands are met within school curriculum requirements.

Description of the Event:

The competition will allow the new stylists to demonstrate their technical skills and creative ability in the following.

- Long Hair Up with Wishes.
- Naturally Textured Hair Design with Wishes
- Commercial Haircut with Wishes

Date and Location: Thursday, February 26, 2026 – St. Lawrence College

9:00 - 9:30	Competitor Registration and Welcome (Cafeteria)
9:30 – 12:30	Competition
12:30 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 3:30	Competition
3:30 – 4:00	Clean-Up
4:00 – 5:00	Dinner (pizza provided)
5:00 – 6:30	Awards Ceremony (Gymnasium)
6:30 – 7:30	Open house and collection of projects/tools

*Competitors must be on time for their contest or may be disqualified at the discretion of the Technical Committee.

Closing ceremony: Thursday, February 26th hosted at St. Lawrence College at 5:30pm



WISHES:

Wishes will be determined by independent Project Designers. Competitors will receive the wishes for the look just before the start of the competition on the day of. Wishes may come in the form of picture(s) and /or mannequin as per the Project Designers. Competitors must follow the wishes to the best of their abilities.

Skills and Knowledge to be tested:

- Practical use of tools equipment, processes and best practices found in the industry.
- Oral Presentation of the task and the language skills used in this industry.
- Written interpretation of directions and diagrams
- Creativity in solving problems presented.
- Demonstration of skills with spectators and time limits
- Safety practiced by the participants affecting themselves and others around them.
- Teamwork: (where applicable), combination of practical skills, communication, and leadership.

Clothing Requirements:

Contestants should wear clean and all black salon attire, and closed toe, non-slip shoes.

The competitor must supply and wear the appropriate clothing and protective gear:

** Please note: Failure to wear personal protective equipment in an appropriate manner will result in loss of marks. More than one warning may result in competitors being disqualified from contest.

No inappropriate slogans or messages

No Cell phone, smart watches or texting

No talking

Equipment and Materials:

Provided by the Competitor:

Three competition mannequins are as follows:

- 18-24' mannequin for long hair up-do
- 16-18' mannequin for commercial hair cut
- 6-10' mannequin for naturally textured hair design
- Tools and supplies necessary for completion of all services outlined in scope sheets.
- All hand- held blow dryers do not exceed 1600 watts.
- All curling irons do not exceed 125 v or 60 Hz.
- Mannequin stand

Please note that mannequin stands must accommodate an opening mount of 1 ½." Live models will not be required, as all services administered on the three required mannequins.

Notes to teacher/advisor: Please ensure any tools or equipment used for the event are checked before the student arrives.

Extension cords must have all ground and live plugs secure, free of nicks, frays or other defects that may present a safety hazard to the competitor and others.

If students are using cordless drills, cameras, or computers, please ensure they are charged and ready to use.



Cleanup of the entire work area is mandatory for all competitors and is built into the time allotted to complete the task.

Provided by the Committee:

- Non-hydraulic chair
- Electrical power
- Table-top space and mirror
- Shampoo Sinks

Contestants may bring other tools not listed but must be approved by the Committee Chair in advance. Please ensure that all of tools students bring are labeled with their names or are identifiable as to which school they belong to.

Evaluation: (*samples of the judging criteria a student could expect*)

POINT BREAKDOWN/120 TOTAL

Point breakdown as follows:

- All judging performed according to a 120-total point system.
- The contestants with the highest combined points from the three tests will be the winner.
- The second highest mark placed second, and the third highest mark will be third.
- Demerits given for any rule infractions.

Ladies Up- Style

Test #1 Up-Style with wishes

Duration: 1.5 hours

Rationale: A creative Up Style design performed on a long hair mannequin. If the mannequin is layered, the hair from the top and crown should be a minimum of 16 cm (about 6.3 in)/6.25". A light fringe or bang may be incorporated.

Hair must not be pre-combed before this competition begins.

Hair must be completely dry, as this competition will begin with a thorough brushing of the mannequin. Bobby pins and hairpins may be used.

Judging Criteria	Evaluation Criteria
Safety used to complete the project	5 points
Accuracy	10 points
Up Style Theme expressed	5 points
Degree of difficulty	5 points
Balance and form	5 points
Total Look	10 points
Total points	40



Test #2 Naturally Textured Hair Design with Wishes

Duration: 2 hours

Rationale: Naturally Textured Hair Design will be a protective design meant to preserve natural hair and maintain hydration. The competitor will follow the project design which will be provided with a picture(s) and/or mannequin; area(s) that remain unseen will be the competitor's choice of design while staying within the components used per the category. The competitor must respect the client's wishes. The end results must reflect industry standards.

Hair length: Minimum hair length is 6-10"

YOUR WORKING SPACE

- Floor must be wiped as soon as there is water or product spillage.
- Hair must be removed immediately after haircutting and placed in appropriate bins.
- Sharp instruments (scissors, razors, blades) are manipulated with caution and stored properly.
- Sinks must be cleaned after use, otherwise you will be asked to return and clean
- Electrical tools such as irons should never be in contact with flammable products.
- Electrical cords must be in good order and undamaged.

They should never be in contact or in proximity of water.

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Judging Criteria:	Evaluation Scoring
Safety Used to complete the project	5 points
Technical Proficiency	5 points
Correct Use of Implements	5 points
Degree of Difficulty	10 points
Balance and Form	10 points
Total Look	10 points
Total	45

Test #3 Commercial Haircut with Wishes

Rational: Commercial Colour & Haircut will reflect a fashion forward wearable design.

The competitor must follow the project design which will be provided with a picture(s) and or a mannequin. The design must reflect the picture /mannequin provided. All areas completed by the picture/mannequin; area(s) that remain unseen will be the competitor's choice of design while staying within the components used as per the category. The competitor must respect the client's wishes. The result must reflect industry standards.

**REPORT TO FLOOR**

- The competitor has the option of the mannequin's hair to start wet or dry. Time will be given to wash after Test 1 if using 1 mannequin to complete both tasks.
- Mannequin must be draped.

HAIR LENGTH

- Absolutely no pre-cutting prior to the competition allowed.
- 18-24" mannequin
- Mannequin (May re-use mannequin from long hair up competition).

. HAIRCUT

- All hairdressing/cutting tools are allowed.
- Must respect client wishes.

CLOTHING & MAKEUP

- No dressing of the mannequin is allowed
- No makeup to be applied before, during or after the competition.

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Judging Criteria	Evaluation
Safety used to complete project	5 points
Technical proficiency	5 points
Balance and form	10 points
Neatness of Finish	5 points
Total look	10 points
Total Points	35

Should you have any questions about this scope please contact the competition chair Brooke Henderson.
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