

# MICROSOFT OFFICE SPECIALIST CHAMPIONSHIP

**Hosted for over 20 years**, these are among the only competitions endorsed by Microsoft, and have led students to connect with top employers, immediate career placement, as well as provide a powerful portfolio and networking experience. The Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) competitions presented by Certiport, a Pearson VUE Business, are events where students can compete with peers to prove their superior skills in Microsoft [Word](#), [Excel](#), and [PowerPoint](#). These competitions include:

- U.S. National Championship:** Top candidates in the U.S. are invited to represent their respective states at the U.S. National Championship and compete to win scholarships, prizes, the title of U.S. National Champion, and an all-expenses-paid invitation to compete at the World Championship.
- World Championship:** The first-place winners at the U.S. National Championship will receive an all-expenses-paid invitation to compete at the World Championship where they will compete against other finalists from around the world to win the ultimate title of World Champion.

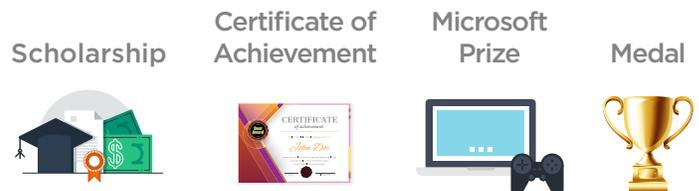
**To qualify** for the U.S. National Championship, candidates must be between the ages of 13 and 22 (as of June 15th of the competition year) and enrolled in an academic institution.

**To receive an invitation** to the U.S. National Championship, competitors must take a Microsoft Office Specialist exam during the Fall or Spring Qualifiers. Candidates are ranked based on their overall exam score and time. Candidates can review the current rankings at [US.MOSChampionship.com](#). Each competitor who finishes the qualification period ranked first place will receive an official

invitation to attend the U.S. National Championship. Candidates will be notified through the contact information they provided within their Certiport portal account. If the first-place winner is unable to attend, the next qualified candidate will receive the invitation. If the competitor is under 18 years old, they will be required to bring a chaperone to the event.

At the U.S. National Championship, candidates will get to meet other competitors from around the U.S., enjoy group activities, hang out in the Microsoft-sponsored Student Lounge, and compete for the title of Microsoft Office Specialist U.S. National Champion. To learn more about the competitions, visit [US.MOSChampionship.com](#).

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q. Who can participate in the Championship?

**A.** Anyone may participate in the qualification round of testing, but to participate in the U.S. National Championship, candidates must be students that are enrolled in an approved, degree-seeking academic institution. Candidates must also be between the ages of 13 and 22 (as of June 15 of the competition year). Previous participants of the U.S. National Championship round are eligible

to compete; however, they cannot compete in the exam (PowerPoint®, Word, or Microsoft Excel®) they previously competed in during a U.S. National Championship round.

### **Q. What versions of Microsoft Office Specialist certifications will the Microsoft Office Specialist U.S. National Championship include?**

**A.** The U.S. National Championship will include the following six (6) tracks: Microsoft Word (Office 2016), Microsoft Excel® (Office 2016), Microsoft PowerPoint® (Office 2016), Microsoft Word (Office 2019 or Microsoft 365 Apps), Microsoft Excel® (Office 2019 or Microsoft 365 Apps ) and Microsoft PowerPoint® (Office 2019 or Microsoft 365 Apps).

### **Q. Where can I take an eligible exam?**

**A.** Eligible exams can be taken at any Certiport Authorized Testing Center.

### **Q. How many times can I take an eligible exam for the championship?**

**A.** It's recommended that candidates regularly check the qualifier rankings and retest as needed to secure their seat at the competition. There is no limit to the number of times a candidate may test in any eligible exam track (if they do not violate the Microsoft Office Specialist exam retake policy). Candidates who fail to abide by the Microsoft Office Specialist exam retake policy will be immediately disqualified from the Championship. Certiport retains the right to disqualify candidates for appropriate cause.

### **Q. How many different types of eligible exams can I submit to the competition?**

**A.** During the qualifying round, a candidate can participate in multiple exam tracks. For example, they can submit a Microsoft Excel (Office 2016) and Microsoft Excel (Office 2019). However, if they qualify to participate in the U.S. National Championship, they can only compete in only one exam track at the event.

### **Q. How are the champions in Word, Excel®, and PowerPoint® selected?**

**A.** All state champions will be invited to the U.S. National Championship to compete for the title of the U.S. Champion in their respective exams. During the U.S. National Championship event, all state champions will be tested in a proctored lab in their respective exam tracks.

### **Q. How does Certiport select the winning score?**

**A.** If two competitors at the U.S. National Championship event have the same high exam score on the unique comprehensive exams, the finalist who completed the exam in the least amount of time will be the winner.

### **Q. How much does it cost to attend the MOS U.S. National Championship?**

**A.** For each competitor and their one (1) chaperone, there is no registration fee. If competitors choose to bring additional guests, there is an additional fee. Competitors are also required to cover their hotel and airfare to arrive at the event.

### **Q. What kind of exam do competitors take at the competition? Is it the same as the certification exam?**

**A.** No, competitors will be taking a completely new exam. Like the certification exam, this will be project based. However, since the competition tests the most advanced students from around the country, candidates are encouraged to study and prepare for topics outside the certification exam, such as using the Microsoft Office Specialist Expert exams.

### **Q. What scholarships are awarded?**

**A.** The first-place champion receives \$3,000, a medal of achievement, a trophy, a certificate, a gift from Microsoft, and an invitation to compete at the MOS World Championship. The invitation to the World Championship includes a free flight and hotel room for the competitor and a chaperone. The second-place winner receives \$2,000 along with a medal of achievement and certificate. The third-place winner receives \$1,000, a medal of achievement, and a certificate



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