



SkillsUSA Florida Championships 2021

PREPARING FOR THE CONTEST

Introductory Information

This document serves as a supplement to the official SkillsUSA Technical Standards found online at absorb.skillsusa.org to be used to prepare for state-level virtual competitions. State-level contests will follow the "Standards and Competencies" outlined in the official SkillsUSA Technical Standards (Virtual). Contestants and instructors should review the contest's Technical Standards as a first step in preparing for a competitive event.

Any information contained in this document applies to state-level competitive events only. Download and review the State Virtual General Regulations at skillsusafl.org/state-conference for more information regarding virtual contests. The list of supplies and materials outlined below is subject to change; updates will be posted to our website on the contest updates page.

SkillsUSA Professional Members (advisors and teachers) can access the standards through SkillsUSA Absorb (absorb.skillsusa.org). To join as a Professional Member visit bit.ly/skillsusa-prof.

Clothing Requirements

Because of the nature of virtual competitions, official SkillsUSA competition clothing is not required, but is encouraged. Students may also compete in trade-appropriate attire if official contest attire is not available. Alternatively, competitors may dress in business attire. See State Virtual General Regulations for more information.

Class A: SkillsUSA Attire

- Red SkillsUSA blazer, windbreaker or sweater, or black or red SkillsUSA jacket
- Button-up. Collared, white dress shirt (accompanied by a plain, solid black tie), blouse (collarless or small-collared), or white turtleneck, with any collar not to extend into the lapel area of the blazer, sweater, windbreaker or jacket
- Black dress slacks (accompanied by black dress socks or black or skin tone seamless hose) or black dress skirt (knee-length, accompanied by black or skin tone seamless hose)
- Black closed-toe dress shoes

Supplies and Materials

Contestants will need the following for the contest:

- 1:1 device for each contestant with camera, microphone and internet connection of at least 2 Mbps up/down
- Filming Device
A device to complete a video recording. This may be a laptop, phone or other device with support devices like a tripod, microphone, etc. Preferred file format is MP4.

- 1-page resume for in PDF format
- All supplies and materials necessary for the presentation to be completed two times
- A letter from the appropriate school official on school letterhead stating the contestant is classified under the provisions of Public Law 105-17, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1997 is required for participation. If restrictions exist on the release of this information, schools may submit a letter on school letterhead which states "I certify that (student name) meets the eligibility requirements for the SkillsUSA Championships Action Skills contest. Signed, (school official)"
- Additional supplies and materials may be required. Contest supply and materials lists will be posted on the Contest Updates page by March 1.

SkillsUSA Florida will provide the following for the contest:

- Contest prompt and information
- Contest Prep Box, with materials needed for the contest like stopwatch, measuring tape, and large face digital clock that must be used in pre-recorded videos
- Meeting links and upload information

Setup Contest Area

The use of one 110-volt (15 amp) electrical outlet with an extension cord, one 30"x72" table, one chair and one easel will be allowed and must be provided by the contestant. The use of these items is not required.

Local Proctor Information

A local contest proctor (non-advisor/program instructor) must be present for the contest. The proctor should review the technical standards, this document and the state contest which will include an integrity statement containing additional information for the proctor.

Once the contest is complete, the contestants, chapter advisor and onsite proctor will sign-off on the integrity statement. Additional contest proctor information can be found on our website.

Advisor Information

An advisor or instructor must be present for the duration of the competition to ensure safety and conduct standards are upheld. Advisors will not participate in judging or interfere in the contest, except in the event of safety or conduct violations, or equipment malfunction. Any communication between students and their advisors during the contest will result in disqualification.



CONTEST INFORMATION

Knowledge Performance

This contest includes one multiple choice knowledge assessment. Instructions and credentials to complete these assessments will be provided when the contest window opens. These assessments should be completed under the supervision of the contest proctor.

- **Professional Development Career Readiness Assessment** –
Assesses preparedness to enter the workforce as defined by the SkillsUSA Framework, which identifies skills that are essential for success in the workplace and life.

Skill Performance

The demonstration is a presentation of an occupational skill accompanied by a clear explanation of the topic through the use of examples, experiments, displays or practical operations.

Contest Guidelines

Contestants will submit a five to seven- minute video demonstrating any skill as it relates to the occupational program of the contestant. The video must be submitted unedited and completed within a single take.

Time will be started when the demonstration begins. The local contest proctor will keep time and signal the speaker by holding up the provided cards at five minutes, six minutes and seven minutes. Only the contestant should speak during the contest; the proctor and other observers should be silent.

The demonstration is an individual performance; however, models or assistants may be used in the demonstration but will not say or do anything that assists the demonstration other than serve as a model.

Any visual aids are to be prepared by contestants. Professionally prepared visuals may not be used. Notecards and other reference materials are not permitted. The contestant will not mention their name, school, or city.

Basic safety practices related to the skill performed must be followed.

At the completion of the event, the contestant, chapter advisor and proctor will sign-off on the integrity statement. This integrity statement will need to be submitted with the entry.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The following needs to be uploaded by the deadline. No late submissions will be accepted.

- Statement of Assurances: PDF file (*Upload by April 1)
- Resume: PDF file (*Upload by April 1)
- Video submission: MP4 file
- Integrity Statement: PDF file