

# 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](http://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](http://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](http://absorb.skillsusa.org)). To join as a Professional Member visit [bit.ly/skillsusa-prof](http://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

- 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

### 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 contest evaluates local chapter activities for community service, citizenship projects and those projects with patriotic overtones than demonstrate a belief in the American way of life.



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## Contest Guidelines

*Each team will submit a notebook fulfilling the requirements outlined in the technical standards. Penalties will be assessed for more than 50 surfaces used (1 sheet of paper equals two surfaces).*

*Notebooks must be submitted electronically by April 5, 2021. PowerPoint, Prezi, Google Slides, etc are acceptable). Teams will receive instructions for uploading contest materials by March 1. Photographs should be incorporated into the document.*

*Each team will record a 5–7-minute presentation on their projects. They will explain how they approached each activity and how it benefited their class. Teams may create a PowerPoint or other presentation tool for use in the video. Specific requirements will be released by March 1.*

*A contest proctor will be required for each recording and live session. Recordings must be setup, started, monitored and stopped by the contest proctor. The camera must be setup in such a way as to show all materials and a clear workspace. The contestant and large face digital clock should be always visible in the recording. The recording must be unedited (continuous) to ensure no outside help was provided.*

*Additional files may be required to be submitted. These requirements will be outlined in the state contest prompt.*

*The contestant will not mention their name, school, city or state. Basic safety practices related to the skill performed must be followed.*

*At the completion of the event, the team, 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)
- Notebook submission: PDF file
- Video submission: MP4 file
- Integrity Statement: PDF file