



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

- 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.

Scope of the Contest

The student teams will use their course of study as the basis of a project that will benefit their class, school, community or industry. The project must highlight an aspect of their career cluster training. Upon completion of the project, the students will develop a display and use it within their community to explain their training and their project. This contest will judge mastery of their training, its



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application, the project's benefit to their community, and display and presentation techniques.

Contest Guidelines

This contest will require teams to submit photos of the display, and a video recording of their presentation. They will also participate in live virtual interviews about their project.

A team consisting of three students enrolled in the same recognized career pathway program must present the project; contestants may only be members of one team. The project must be designed and constructed by contestants who were enrolled in the program during the school year of the state championships. The project must be related to the program of study of the team members and this program of study will determine the pathway of the project.

Presentations must be at least five but not more than seven minutes. The local proctor will display the appropriate timecards at five minutes, six minutes, and six minutes thirty seconds. Teams will receive an appointment time for their interview. All team members must be present and actively participate in the interview.

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.

- Integrity Statement: PDF file
- Resume: PDF file
- Contest Submission Video: MP4 file
- Contest Submission Video: image files