



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

- Reference materials: SkillsUSA Leadership Handbook, Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, Bartlett's Familiar Quotations and Roget's Thesaurus
- Blank 3" x 5" cards
- Pencil or pen
- 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

This contest evaluates each contestant's ability to give a speech on an assigned topic with a minimum of advance preparation. A three- to five-minute speech will be delivered with a preparation time of five minutes.

Contest Guidelines

Contestants will be assigned an appointment time. Contestants will enter the Zoom meeting; the technical committee will reveal the speech topic and then the contestant will be given five minutes of preparation time. At the end of the preparation time, the student will present their speech to the judges.

The technical committee will select the speech topic based upon material in the SkillsUSA Leadership Handbook.

During preparation time, contestants may consult reference materials and take notes on their 3"x5" cards for use during the speech.

The speech shall be at least three minutes in length but shall not exceed five minutes. The time will be started when the speech begins. The timekeeper will signal the speaker at three minutes, four minutes and five minutes. Contestants will be permitted to use a watch or clock.

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)
- Integrity Statement: PDF file