



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

Setup Contest Area

The total size of the Bulletin Board may be smaller than, but may not exceed, the following dimensions: 4' wide X 4' high X 2" thick (including the thickness of the board). A Mounting board is required. A frame is not required but may be used if desired, if use, a frame cannot exceed 21/2" in width.

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 requires the development of a promotional bulletin board using the SkillsUSA national theme, and it may also include promotion of local SkillsUSA chapter activities or technical, skilled and service occupations, including health occupations. Skill also will be evaluated through an interview.

Contest Guidelines

This team contest will require a video recording of the team presentation. The state contest prompt will include the questions needed for the interview.

Contestants will be given specific questions that they must answer in a recording. Contest proctor will be required for this recording. This recording will be done in one take and cannot be edited or manipulated. The proctor will ask the questions from, and only from, the contest packet.

The bulletin board must carry out the established SkillsUSA annual theme, which can be found at bit.ly/skillsusa-theme.

The interview portion of this contest will take place after the presentation and will be facilitated by the contest proctor with predetermined questions.

The team must submit an electronic format copy of all required pages of the notebook. The notebook must contain pictures and supporting evidence along with all other requires as listed in the technical standards.

Notecards and other reference materials are not permitted. The team will not mention their names, school, or city. Basic safety and health 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)
- Contest Submission Video: MP4 file
- Notebook: PDF file
- Integrity Statement: PDF file