



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 E: Contest Specific - Business Casual

- Official SkillsUSA white polo shirt
- 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 leather 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 each team member in PDF format
- A camera system capable of recording and outputting video. Submissions must be one of the following: Quicktime (.mov), H.264, or MPEG-2. Quicktime files must be compressed using either the H.264 or MPEG-2 code.
 - Aspect ratios: 4:3 (4x3) or 16:9 (16x9)

- Frame rates: 24 fps, 29.97 fps or 30 fps
- Scanning: Progressive or interlaced
- Resolution: 480 (SD) formats, and 720, 1080 (HD) formats are acceptable up to 30 fps
- Codecs: H.264 or MPEG-2
- Audio and video must be in the same file
- One non-linear editing system (multiple computers are not allowed)
- Microphone (wired and/or wireless)
- Batteries and power supply/charger for camera
- New, unwrapped recording media for your system
- 20' AC extension cord
- Power strip
- Camera support system (tripod, monopod, shoulder mount, steadicam, sliders, etc are allowed. Dollys, jibs/cranes, and drones are not permitted.)
- Headphone splitters, if desired
- Copyright-free or licensed music and sound effects (must provide proof of license for each song or sound effect used)
- Lights may be mounted and battery- or camera-powered only. No lights requiring wall power or stands.
- Any third-party editing/compositing/mixing system. No third-party templates may be used.
- No stock photography, video, animation or graphics packages are allowed
- 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 two multiple choice knowledge assessments. 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.

- **Television (Video) Production Assessment** –
Based on the standards and competencies as outlined in the Technical Standards. (5% of contest score)
- **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. (5% of contest score)

Skill Performance

The contest will include a video assignment to be completed by a team of two student members from the same school and same division.

Contest Guidelines

Teams will submit a 60-second video that conveys the assigned theme or objective and will appeal to the indicated target audience (demographic).

Teams will receive the contest prompt via email, which will include all relevant details needed to complete the project. No preproduced video, photos, or stock footage is allowed. The completed video must convey an adequate representation of the subject or theme.

Final submissions must be uploaded by the deadline to avoid penalty or disqualification. Teams must also upload their storyboard.

*Preproduction, filming and editing: 33 hours
Other information to be announced with the contest prompt.*

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)*
- Contest Submission Video: *MOV or MPEG-2 file*
- Storyboard: *PDF file*
- Integrity Statement: *PDF file*