Welcome!

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How to Use Zoom

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Agenda

- SLSC21 Schedule
- How will this work?
- Championships Preparations – Pre-Conference Checklist
- How to Prepare for Contests
- Contest Supplies and Local Support
- Advisor Roles and Resources
- Next Steps and FAQ
SLSC21 will be held virtually, with competitive events completed at local schools and judged virtually.

Opening Ceremony: April 12 at 6PM EST
Contests: April 13 – 22
Meet the Employer: April 23, 10AM to 1PM EST
Closing Ceremony: April 26 at 6PM EST

Registration deadline/Drop deadline: March 8 at 5PM EST
Payment deadline: March 22, 2021*

*Check payment preferred. Extensions available.
Credit card payment: givebutter.com/skillsusa-florida
How to Use GiveButter: http://bit.ly/3ugpc6a
WEEK ONE:
April 12: Opening Ceremony (6PM)
April 13 – 15: CONNECTED Expo and Trade Show
April 13 – 16: Contests (8AM to 4PM)
April 13: Advisor Professional Development Sessions (10AM – 1PM)
April 15: Framework Reception and Advisor Business Meeting (11AM – 12PM)
Conference Schedule

WEEK TWO:
April 19 – 22: Contests (8AM – 4PM)
April 19: Meet the Candidates (3PM – 5PM)
April 20: Delegate Sessions (3PM – 5PM)
April 20: Advisor Professional Development Sessions (10AM – 1PM)
April 22: Champions’ Night (6PM – 9PM)
April 23: Meet the Employer Job Fair (10AM – 1PM)
April 26: Closing Ceremony (6PM)
Contest Schedule

- Contest Schedule Overview: [https://bit.ly/2OxPX8l](https://bit.ly/2OxPX8l)
- Individual appointment times sent to registered advisors
  - If you did not receive, check with other advisors at your school, or email jgraber@skillsusafl.org
- Check Contest Updates page regularly – [skillsusafl.org/state-conference/contest-updates](https://skillsusafl.org/state-conference/contest-updates)
How Will This Work?

• Different online platforms for different activities
• Specific guidance on accessing each site will be provided
  • SkillsUSALMS.org – contest LMS, all contest materials *(browser and mobile, competitors only)*
  • Socio – conference activities, delegate sessions, PD for advisors, trade show, Framework Reception *(browser and app, all registrants)*
  • Gather.town – Champions’ Night Celebration *(browser, all registrants)*
  • JotForm – for contest submissions (documents, videos, etc) *(browser and mobile, competitor access through LMS)*
  • Premier Virtual – Meet the Employer Job Fair *(browser and mobile, all registrants)*
Registrants will receive emails with instructions to create accounts on platforms.

Avoid school email addresses for students – firewalls will block these emails and students will not be able to gain access.

- Anticipated access provided to students by April 2, 2021. Early access is provided to familiarize with platform.
- Encourage early account creation to identify any issues.
How Will This Work?

- Contests – students will have access to two modules:
  - SkillsUSA Championships Orientation Module.
    - Welcome video.
    - Tech tools – Virtual tools, including Zoom download, testing internet speed, uploading unlisted videos to YouTube, upload instructions, file naming instructions, recording guidance, and more.
  - Professional Development Test – April 13 at 8AM through April 22 at 5PM.
  - Resume Upload link – by April 10.
How Will This Work?

- Contest Module.
  - Accessible immediately:
    - Technical standards
    - Virtual Contest Guide
    - Supply/material lists
    - “Before You Begin”
    - Contest Updates
    - Any other preparatory materials
  - Time released, based on contest schedule:
    - Zoom meeting links
    - Technical exams – windows posted on contest schedule
    - Contest variables, projects, prompts, etc.
    - Upload link for materials – closes at 5PM on the deadline of submission
Questions?
Championships

- Events are executed locally, judged virtually
- Requires active participation of the advisor and/or instructor
- Local business partners or advisory board involvement is necessary for contest proctoring and facilitation
  - State support is available in some program areas
Pre-Conference Checklist

- Registration is complete!
  - If you need to update email addresses, email changes to jgraber@skillsusafl.org. Include student name and competition.
- Test email will be sent to students next week.
  - Verify with students that they receive the email and reply appropriately by completing the linked form.
  - Form can be completed via browser or mobile.
  - Advisors will be copied on student communications.
Registration Changes

Changes to registration:
• Complete the Drop/Change Form
  • Two options:
    • Google Form - https://bit.ly/3qlmGLK
    • Download PDF - https://bit.ly/3tc5JVC and email to contests@skillsusafl.org
Pre-Conference Tech Check

Ensure access to all platforms from school network.

1. Verify access.
   - Conference Activities: https://app.socio.events/OTY0Mg/auth
   - Contests: SkillsUSALMS.org and NextThought.com
   - Meet the Employer: https://portal.premiervirtual.com/jobseeker/login/
   - Champions’ Night: gather.town
   - Contest Submissions: JotForm

2. Download Pre-Conference Tech Check Form

Ensure you have the proper passwords and access needed.

- Check that outside devices can connect.
- Check that multiple devices can connect.
- No program downloads.
  - Zoom download is helpful but not required; can be accessed through browser.
Check Wi-Fi and cell phone signal strength is all contest areas.

- Create an account on Zoom and start a meeting.
- Have multiple students connect to test connection speed.
- With multiple devices on network, go to speedtest.net and test the speed (2 Mbps up/down required).
Proctor Guide – provides guidance for advisors and potential proctors on roles and responsibilities.

Beneficial to have someone with knowledge of the subject area.

Four types:
- Exam Proctors.
- Local Proctors.
- Second Camera Proctors.
- Virtual Proctors.*

*Secured by SkillsUSA Florida.
Arrange for Proctors

Where to look:

• Advisory boards.
• Local industry partners.
• School employees (may not be the student’s teacher in any subject).
• Check with the State Office.
Questions?
How to Prepare for Contests

  - Absorb.skillsusa.org
- Virtual Contest Guides – contest overview, supply/tool list, exams, other details.
  - skillsusafl.org/state-conference
- Contest Updates – supply, material, and tool lists, changes to contests, other contest notifications.
  - skillsusafl.org/state-conference/contest-updates
- Virtual Contest Information (NEW!) – spreadsheet of contest codes, exams, proctor needs, and format
How to Prepare for Contests

- Virtual General Regulations - rules and regulations for state-level virtual competitions. Provides outline of contest delivery methods, advisor responsibilities, clothing requirements, and other important details.
  - Review (and have students review) prior to competition
  - https://bit.ly/36E5z0f
Contest Supplies & Materials

• Schools will provide their own consumables, materials, equipment and supplies
• Supply lists posted beginning Friday, March 11
  • Use Virtual Contest Guides
• Schools must test their own equipment prior to the competition.
  • Equipment failure – judges will try to find solution to continue competition, but cannot guarantee
Contest Supplies & Materials

• Contest Prep Box – sent to each school following registration to include basic materials
  • Tape measure or ruler
  • Large-face digital clock
  • Roster, t-shirts and pins
  • Other basic supplies
  • Contest materials for some events
    • Variables shipped to schools must remain sealed to be opened on camera.
      • Tamper-evident seals
    • Materials to be printed will be shipped to avoid printing issues the day of competition.
Local Support

- Lowe’s Gift Cards – electronic delivery to advisors.
- Various denominations depending on contest needs. Receipts are not required.
  - Leadership contests requiring display – Chapter Display, Career Pathways Showcase, Promotional Bulletin Board.
  - Urban Search and Rescue.
  - Team Engineering Challenge.
Local Support

- 3D Visualization - Storyboarding Notebook provided.
- Architectural Drafting - Vellum paper provided.
- Automotive Refinishing and Collision Repair - Fenders, bumper covers provided by Universal Collision Repair.
- Broadcast News - All teams receive access to Rundown Creator to use for NRCS.
- Cabinetmaking - All materials provided.
- Crime Scene Investigation - Evidence provided.
- Culinary Arts, Commercial Baking, Restaurant Service - Gift cards provided by Publix (amt TBD)
- Early Childhood Education - Each contestant will receive children's book(s) for use in the contest.
- Extemporaneous Speech - New SkillsUSA Membership Handbook (replaces Leadership Handbook)
- Industrial Motor Control - All materials provided and shipped to schools.
- Internet of Things - Consumables provided. Contestant must provide all tools.
- Marine Service - Contest materials provided by Yamaha.
- Masonry - Materials provided by Florida Masonry Apprenticeship and Education Foundation.
- MRE Challenge - MRE’s and heating elements provided.
- Plumbing - Cast iron pipe, fittings and couplers provided by the Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute.
- Promotional Poster - All materials provided.
- Team Engineering Challenge - Kit provided with all materials.
- Telecomm Cabling - Consumables provided.
Local Support

- Advisors will be contacted directly to arrange for supplies to be delivered.
- New support added almost daily.
- Full list posted to Contest Updates page by March 19.
- Some committees are looking to visit schools to judge in-person.
  - Completely contingent on permission from your school.
  - Advisors will be contacted directly.
Championships Orientation

- Championships Orientation – required for one advisor per chapter to attend one session
  - March 25 at 7PM or March 26 at 10AM
  - Sign up: https://bit.ly/37xTLw1
Advisors are responsible for:

• Securing exam proctors, local proctors and Second Camera Proctors.
• Procuring tools, supplies and materials.
• Ensuring equipment works.
• Testing technology on campus (Pre-Conference Tech Check).
• Communicating competition information to students.
• Attending Championships Orientation (1 per school).
• During the competition, observing for safety and conduct only.
Advisor Resources

- Call, text or email me anytime!
  - 850-284-8534
  - jgraber@skillsusafl.org
  - Schedule a one-on-one call online: https://bit.ly/2IfBWJK

- Customer Care Team – registration website, contest platform (LMS)
  - 844-875-4557
  - support@skillsusa.org
Next Steps

- Ensure students receive and respond to the email verification.
- Pay your invoice by March 22.
- Check the Contest Updates page for any new information.
- Procure supplies and materials for the competitions.
- Test your technology and submit the Pre-Conference Tech Check by April 1.
FAQ

• What about uniforms?
  • No uniform penalties for virtual competition, as long as attire is professional and safe.
  • No school logos or student names visible.
  • Refer to General Regulations.

• What is a student is competing from home?
  • Contact the State Office for more information; will depend on the competition.
FAQ

- What if I can’t get supplies or don’t have equipment at my school?
  - Contact the State Office as soon as possible.
- What about the Statement of Assurances?
  - The Virtual Contest Guides were created in January, and contests have developed since then. Statement of Assurances is not needed. Students, proctors, and advisors will sign an Integrity Pledge once their competition is complete and upload it as instructed on the contest platform.
Questions?