



2020 State Contest

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

Description

Contestants will compete individually. Contestants will have five minutes to organize the content of their speech in the preparation room. The contestant will create a speech of no more than 3 - 5 minutes in length using the prompt provided and will present immediately afterward.

Note: Please check the provided links for updated contest information and the SkillsUSA National Technical Standards

[SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards](#)
[Contest Updates](#)

Eligibility

Open to all active SkillsUSA members.

Observers

No observers allowed

Clothing Requirements

All contestants are required to be in the official dress of SkillsUSA: Class A - SkillsUSA Formal Attire

Official Attire for Men:

- Red SkillsUSA blazer, windbreaker, or sweater
- White dress shirt
- Plain solid black tie
- Black dress slacks
- Black dress shoes

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**Official Attire for Women:**

- Red SkillsUSA blazer, windbreaker, or sweater
- White collarless or small-collared blouse or white turtleneck (Collar must not extend over the blazer lapel or the sweater or windbreaker)
- Black dress skirt (knee-length) or black dress slacks
- Black shoes

[Clothing Classifications](#)**Knowledge Performance**

There is no written knowledge test required in this contest.

Skills Performance

This contest evaluates each contestant's ability to give a speech on an assigned topic with a minimum of advance preparation.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS**Supplied by the technical committee:**

- SkillsUSA Leadership Handbook
- Dictionary
- Thesaurus
- Prompt
- Stopwatch (1 per Judge)
- Time cards: (Green: 3 minutes, yellow: 4 minutes, red: 5 minutes)
- Pencil or pen
- Notecards or paper

Supplied by the contestant:

1. Resume
2. SkillsUSA Official Dress
3. Memorized quotes for possible use

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Scoring Guidelines:

Judging Criteria	Points
Opening	150
Voice	100
Platform Deportment	100
Organization	200
Mechanics	100
Closing	150
Effectiveness	200

Penalties
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clothing: -50• Time: -5 points for every 20 seconds under 3 minutes. The contestant will be stopped at 7 minutes with a -50 point penalty assessed• Resume: -10 points• Name Identification (person, school, city, state): -5 points each

Opening: Speaker is engaging, addresses the given prompt

Voice: Voice is well-modulated and controlled, and carries the rhythm of the speech

Platform deportment: Speaker is poised and demonstrates good control of movement

Organization: Speech is well organized, and the organization can be easily followed

Mechanics: Proper grammar is used and diction is clear

Closing: Closing provides a clear and solid conclusion and summary of the speech

Effectiveness: Assigned topic is covered and the purpose of the speech is clear and achieved

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