



2020 State Contest

CREED

Contest Description

Contestants are to recite, from memory, the SkillsUSA Creed and answer questions about the meaning and importance of its components.

Eligibility

Open to active SkillsUSA California middle school and high school members enrolled in their first year of a career or technical program with entry-level job skills as the occupational objective. A letter from the appropriate school official on school letterhead stating the contestant is classified under the provisions of Public Law 105-17, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 1997, is required for participation.

Clothing Requirements

All contestants are required to be in the SkillsUSA Official Attire: Class A

[Clothing Classifications](#)

Class A SkillsUSA Formal Attire for Men:

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

Class A SkillsUSA Formal Attire 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

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SCOPE OF CONTEST

1. Recitation

- a. Contestants should prepare for the SkillsUSA Creed recitation by developing the following competencies:
 - i. Demonstrate good grooming in dress and personal hygiene
 - ii. Demonstrate an effective and pleasing delivery style
 - iii. Pronounce words in a clear and understandable manner
 - iv. Demonstrate good platform deportment and personal confidence
 - v. Effectively vary voice in pitch, tone, tempo, and volume.
- b. The topic for the recitation is the official SkillsUSA Creed (Long Version) as published in the most current SkillsUSA Leadership Handbook
<https://www.skillsusa.org/about/history-brand-resources/creed/>
- c. The contestant may not use a manuscript, note cards or any other written material.
- d. No introductory or concluding remarks to the SkillsUSA Creed will be allowed other than the title and author.
- e. One judge will serve as a prompter to assist students who falter (10 seconds) during a recitation.
- f. Contestants will not mention their name, school, city, or state.

Scoring Guidelines

Judging Criteria	Points
Memorization	150
Voice	150
Stage Presence	200
Personal Appearance	200
Power of Expression	200
Response to Questions	100
Penalty: Resume	-50

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Observers

- Observers will be permitted to hear the speeches in the presentation room provided that space is available.
- Once entered, the observer must remain for the duration of the competition.
- No talking or gesturing will be permitted.
- No observers will be allowed in the assembly area.
- No member of the audience will be permitted to enter or leave the demonstration room while a contestant is speaking.

Materials Supplied by SkillsUSA California

1. Timekeeper
2. Judge(s)

Student Materials List

1. All competitors must create a one-page resume and submit a hard copy to the judge. Failure to do so will result in a 10-point penalty.
2. Official SkillsUSA Formal Attire

CREED

I believe in the dignity of work

I hold that society has advanced to its present culture through the use of the worker's hands and mind. I will maintain a feeling of humbleness for the knowledge and skills that I receive from professionals, and I will conduct myself with dignity in the work I do.

I believe in the American way of life

I know our culture is the result of freedom of action and opportunities won by the founders of our American republic, and I will uphold their ideals.

I believe in education

I will endeavor to make the best use of knowledge, skills, and experience that I will learn in order that I may be a better worker in my chosen occupation and a better citizen in my community. To this end, I will continue my learning now and in the future.

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I believe in fair play

I will, through honesty and fair play, respect the rights of others. I will always conduct myself in the manner of the best professionals in my occupation and treat those with whom I work as I would like to be treated.

I believe satisfaction is achieved by good work

I feel that compensation and personal satisfaction received for my work and services will be in proportion to my creative and productive ability.

I believe in high moral and spiritual standards

I will endeavor to conduct myself in such a manner as to set an example for others by living a wholesome life and by fulfilling my responsibilities as a citizen in my community.

SkillsUSA CREED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Following the student's recitation of the Creed, the exact same questions must be asked of each contestant, in the same order.

One question per judge (minimum: 1 question). Contestants have a maximum of 3 minutes to respond to all questions.

Sample Questions:

1. Which part of the creed means the most to you and why?
2. Describe a time when you set an example for others
3. How do you plan to further your education to be a better worker in your chosen occupation?
4. Tell me/us about a time when you had to go above and beyond the call of duty to get a task done.

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