



2020 State Contest

BARBERING

Description

This contest is designed to show off the contestant's preparation and knowledge in the field of barbering in the areas of sanitation, to evaluate each contestant's preparation for employment and to recognize outstanding students for excellence and professionalism in the field of Barbering. The contestants will take a written knowledge exam and complete a job application, followed by a brief interview. Contestants will have 45 minutes to complete the job application and the interview will range from 10-15 mins in length.

Eligibility

This contest is open to all students enrolled in programs with barbering and cosmetology as the occupational objective.

Clothing Requirements

Class F: Contest Specific - Cosmetology

For men: Official SkillsUSA white dress shirt; black dress slacks; black socks; black leather work or dress shoes

For women: Official white top; black dress slacks; black socks or black or skin-tone seamless hose; black leather work or dress shoes.

Note: A white cosmetology smock can be worn with the white dress shirt for men or white top for women.

*Note: If a student cannot afford to purchase the official SkillsUSA dress shirt, they may wear an appropriate white shirt with no logos or markings and will not be penalized; however, the black slacks and shoes are required. Students **must** wear their dress to orientation as well*

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Contests and Time Limit :

- Written test (during orientation)- 1 hour
- Interview and Communication Contest- 45 minutes
- Men's Flat Top- 1 hour
- Men's Creative Free Style Design Cut and Beard Design Including Color- 2 hours

Total Contest Time will be no more than 4 hours (not including the written test).

Notes: The contest criteria are drawn from industry standards identified by SkillsUSA technical committee, which includes Burmax Co. Inc., WAHL Clippers. Milady, Pivot Point. and the National Barber Association.

Competition could be switched to a "demonstration only" if there are six or fewer participants.

Equipment and Materials

*Students are required to bring their own supplies, tools, and doll heads. The doll head should not be colored prior to the contest.

****DO NOT PRE-CUT YOUR DOLL HEAD****

*Students must bring a tripod and two male doll heads; NO COLOR on mannequins. It will be used for the Creative Cut and Beard Design Contest. Mannequins should be a minimum of 5" hair length. Any shorter hair mannequin will be disqualified.

Provided by SkillsUSA:

- Timekeeper
- Any pictures used for haircut designs
- First Aid Kit
- Outlets for power
- Tables
- Mirrors (If available)

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Materials provided by Contestants:

1. Cutting shears
2. Thinning shears
3. Razor and spare blade
4. Clipper
5. Trimmers
6. A blow dryer or any thermal tools
7. Styling products of choice
8. Finishing spray
9. Combs
10. Brushes
11. Spray bottle (filled with water)
12. Hair Color of choice (Professional Temporary: examples are pencils, chalks, spray, or hair paint. Any type of temporary color not requiring water to rinse is acceptable)
13. Towels (minimum of 6) and paper towels
14. Neck strips
15. Clippies or hair clips
16. Hospital-grade disinfectant in a labeled spray bottle
17. Hand sanitizer
18. Blood spill kit (must contain a biohazard bag)
19. Tripod
20. #2 pencil and a blue or black pen
21. All competitors must create a one-page Résumé to be turned in at Contestant Orientation.
22. Contestants must create a colored drawing of their creative haircut design with the color application and beard design with beard coloring. It should include a written description of the method used to create the design and a picture of the final.
 - a. Competitors will need two copies of their design theme, one is to be attached to their mirror during the competition. NO pictures from a magazine or the internet, **it MUST be hand-drawn.**
 - b. A hard copy of the Resume and Drawing must be submitted to the technical committee chair at orientation.

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Contest Guidelines

Contestants will have 4 hours (subject to change) to complete the four components of the contest:

1. **Written test (1 hour – 100 possible points):** Contestants would answer a multiple-choice test. It will include, but not be limited to, basic knowledge of the SKILLSUSA as well as the State health and state regulations, sanitation, client protection, procedure precautions, and health hazards involved in the barbering practice.
2. **Interview and Communication Skills (1 hour – 100 possible points).** The student will follow oral and written instructions, respond to oral questions, and demonstrate skill and career readiness by participation in a job application scenario and a mock interview. They will complete an employment application then introduce themselves to the judges and respond to oral questions to demonstrate critical thinking skills.
3. **Men's Flat Top Cut (1 hour – 200 possible points):** Students execute a men's flat top haircut on a manikin at a length selected by the National Technical Committee. The student will perform the haircut using shears, thinning shears, texturizing shears, razor and/or clipper and trimmers as needed, demonstrate the correct techniques for cutting a Flat Top, demonstrate fading, blending, sectioning, lining and finishing. If needed, the Contestant may apply styling aid to help fine-tune the flat top. Complete style using desired styling products. The student must follow all safety and sanitation procedures and maintain a clean area at all times. **NO CLIPPER ATTACHMENTS WILL BE ALLOWED.**

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4. Men's Creative Freestyle Design Cut and Beard Design including hair and beard color of your choice (2 hours- 500 possible points) It will include an oral presentation of the Creative Design:

- a. Students will identify the theme of the men's creative freestyle design cut and beard design including hair and beard color on paper and turn in a hard copy to technical chairman at orientation.
- b. The contestant must keep a second copy of the freestyle design during the skill portion of the competition.
- c. The student will demonstrate fading, blending, sectioning, lining, and finishing.
- d. He or she will create a men's creative freestyle design cut and beard design including hair and beard color. Any type of temporary hair color can be used.
- e. Finish the hair design using a blow dryer or thermal tools such as curling iron, flat iron, styling products, etc., as needed. The finished style should demonstrate balance, proportion, and form in the finished creative cut and beard design.
- f. incorporation of current trends in both haircuts, hair color, and beard design should be performed.
- g. Follow all safety and sanitation procedures and maintain a clean area at all times.
- h. The contestant will give a 1-3 min speech on their design to the judge.

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NOTE: Judges will decide what are the most important steps to judge prior to the contest. Competition could be switched to a “demonstration only” if there are a low number of participants.

All content is subject to change before the competition.

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

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

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