

EXTEMPORANEOUS

SPEAKING NYS



PURPOSE

To evaluate each contestant's ability to give a speech on an assigned topic with a minimum of advance preparation.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to active SkillsUSA members.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENT

NYS Official attire for men: Official red blazer, NYS Black Jacket, the older red national windbreaker or older red sweater and the Black Carhartt Jacket from Nationals. Black dress slacks; white dress shirt; plain black tie with no pattern or a SkillsUSA black tie. Black socks and black shoes.

NYS Official attire for women: Official red blazer, NYS Black Jacket, the older red national windbreaker or older red sweater and the Black Carhartt Jacket from Nationals. Black dress slacks or skirt with businesslike white, collarless blouse or white blouse with small, plain collar that may not extend on to the lapels of the blazer; black sheer or skin-tone hose and black shoes, that are not backless or open toe.

Note: Contestants must wear their official contest clothing to the contest orientation meeting.

OBSERVER RULE

No observers will be allowed.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

1. Supplied by the NYS chair/committee:
 - a. Reference materials: *Skills USA Leadership Handbook*, *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary*, *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations* and *Roget's Thesaurus*

- b. Blank 3"x5" cards
- c. Copies of selected speech topic in sealed envelopes
- d. Stopwatches as required
- e. Time cards

2. Supplied by the contestant:
 - a. Pencil or pen
 - b. All competitors must create a one-page résumé using a word processor. Resume to be handed in at the orientation meeting.
 - c. **Note:** An iPad or similar device may be used while in the preparation room as a reference tool but it will not be provided by the committee.
 - d. **Note:** Your contest may also require a hard copy of your résumé as part of the actual contest. Check the Contest Guidelines and/or the updates page on the NYS SkillsUSA Web site:
<http://www.nysskillsusa.org/>

ARRANGEMENT OF ROOMS

1. Assembly room: Area where contestants wait their turns to enter preparation room will be provided.
2. Preparation room: A room furnished with a table or desk and chair will be provided for the five-minute preparation time. All necessary reference materials and blank 3"x5" cards will be available in this room.
3. Speech presentation room: This room will be furnished with a speaker's stand (lectern) facing the audience and judges.

SCOPE OF THE CONTEST

Knowledge Performance

There is no written knowledge test required for this contest. There will be a PDT given.

Skill Performance

This contest evaluates each contestant's ability to give a speech on an assigned topic with a minimum of advance preparation. A 3 to 5 minute speech will be delivered with a preparation time of five minutes.

Contest Guidelines

1. Contestants will draw numbers during the pre-contest orientation meeting to determine the order of competition.
2. The technical committee will select a speech topic based upon material in the *SkillsUSA Leadership Handbook*. All contestants will be assigned the same topic.
3. Contestants will enter the preparation room one at a time, where they will be given a speech topic. Contestants will have five minutes to determine the content and organize their speeches.
4. During preparation time, contestants may consult reference materials supplied in the preparation room and may make notes on 3" x 5" cards for use during the speech. Contestants may not take any outlines, notes or reference materials into the preparation room.
5. The speech shall be at least three minutes in length but shall not exceed five minutes. Penalty: Five points will be deducted for each 30 seconds or fraction thereof under three minutes or for each 30 seconds or fraction thereof over five minutes.
6. Time limit: Time will be started when the speech begins. The timekeeper will signal the speaker at three minutes, four minutes and five minutes. Contestants will be permitted to use a watch or clock.
7. Contestants will not mention their name, school, city or state. A five-point penalty will be assessed for each occurrence.

- 2.2 Demonstrate an effective and pleasing delivery style
- 2.3 Effectively use verbal illustrations and examples
- 2.4 Pronounce words in a clear and understandable manner
- 2.5 Use a variety of verbal techniques including: modulation of voice, changing volume, varied inflection, modifying tempo and verbal enthusiasm
- 2.6 Demonstrate poise and self-control while presenting
- 2.7 Demonstrate good platform development and personal confidence
- 2.8 Communicate the primary points of the speech in a compact and complete manner
- 2.9 Tie organizational elements together with an effective ending
- 2.10 Complete the speech within the time limits set by contest requirements

ES 3.0 — Wear appropriate clothing for the New York State contest

- 3.1 Display clothing that meets NYS standards for competition
- 3.2 Demonstrate good grooming in dress and personal hygiene

Standards and Competencies

ES 1.0 — Design and organize a speech that meets the topical and time requirements as outlined by the technical committee

- 1.1 Prepare a speech on a leadership topic that lasts three to five minutes in length
- 1.2 Organize speech in a logical and coherent manner

ES 2.0 — Deliver the speech in a professional manner meeting the standards outlined by the technical committee

- 2.1 Make a formal and effective introduction to the presentation that clearly identifies the scope of the speech