

PREPARED SPEECH NYS



PURPOSE

To evaluate each contestant's ability to prepare and present clearly and effectively a series of thoughts relating to a central theme.

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 contest clothing to the contest orientation meeting.

OBSERVER RULE

Observers will be allowed to hear the speeches in the presentation room provided space is available. 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. No cameras, video recorders or tape recorders will be allowed by members of the audience.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

- Supplied by the technical committee:
 - Stopwatch
 - Time cards
- Supplied by the contestant:

a. All competitors must create a one-page résumé and submit a hard copy to the technical committee chair at orientation. Failure to do so will result in a 10-point penalty.

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

Speech presentation room: A room will be furnished with two tables, each with chairs for judges and a timekeeper/room monitor.

SCOPE OF THE CONTEST

Knowledge Performance

There is no written knowledge test required for this contest. Contestants' knowledge will be demonstrated through performance demonstration. There is a PDT knowledge test.

Skill Performance

This contest assesses public speaking skills through delivery of a five- to seven-minute speech.

Contest Guidelines

- The topic for the prepared speech will be established by SkillsUSA and will be announced to the state associations by Sept. 1 for the following year. To verify the correct national theme, go to:
<http://www.skillsusa.org/about/theme/>
- The speech will be five to seven minutes in length. Penalty: Five points will be deducted for each 30 seconds or fraction thereof under five minutes, or for each 30 seconds or fraction thereof over seven minutes.
- Time limit: Time will be started when the speech begins. The timer will signal the speaker at five minutes and at seven minutes. The contestant will be permitted to use a watch or clock.
- No visual aids, props, notes and/or note cards will be permitted.
- Contestants will not mention their name, school, city or state. A five-point penalty

- will be assessed for each occurrence.
6. Contestants may submit one typewritten copy of the speech to the NYS chair/committee prior to the debriefing meeting. Include the name of the training program, institution name, contestant's name, address, phone number and the speech title. This speech may be used in part or in whole in SkillsUSA publications throughout the year. Credit will be given to the contestant, instructor and the school.
 7. The following judging criteria will be used:
 - a. Opening — Has a strong, clear opening
 - b. Voice — Voice is well modulated and controlled, and carries the rhythm of the speech
 - c. Platform deportment — Speaker is poised and demonstrates good control of movement
 - d. Organization — Speech is well organized and the organization can be easily followed
 - e. Mechanics — Proper grammar is used and diction is clear
 - f. Closing — Closing provides a clear and solid conclusion and summary of the speech
 - g. Effectiveness — Assigned topic is covered and the purpose of the speech is clear and achieved
 - h. Timing — Speech falls within the five- to seven-minute contest requirement
 - i. Clothing requirement — Clothing meets contest requirements

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

PS 3.0 — Wear appropriate clothing for the national contest

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

The SkillsUSA competition theme for the 2017-18 year is: SkillsUSA: Champions at Work, Job-Ready Day One

Standards and Competencies

PS 1.0 — Design and write an effective presentation based upon the designed theme

- 1.1 Prepare a presentation on a given topic for a specific time
- 1.2 Choose logical patterns of organization (e.g., chronological, topical, cause and effect) to inform and persuade

PS 2.0 — Deliver the presentation in a professional manner, employing the use of verbal and nonverbal delivery techniques

- 2.1 Demonstrate an effective and pleasing delivery style
- 2.2 Effectively use verbal illustrations and examples
- 2.3 Make a formal and effective introduction