JOB SKILL
DEMONSTRATION A
NYS

PURPOSE
To evaluate each contestant’s ability to
demonstrate and explain an entry-level
technical skill used in the occupational area for
which he or she is training.

First, download and review the General

ELIGIBILITY
Open to active SkillsUSA members enrolled in
career and technical programs with career
objectives that are included in the SkillsUSA
Championships official contests. The “A”
classification is based on the program
enrollment of the contestant. It is not based on
the specific skill to be demonstrated.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS
Contestants may wear NYS SkillsUSA official
attire or attire appropriate for the occupational
area of the demonstration.

Class A: NYS SkillsUSA Attire:
- Red SkillsUSA blazer, windbreaker or
  sweater, or black or red SkillsUSA
  jacket. Also, the NYS SkillsUSA
  red/black jacket
- Button-up, collared, white dress shirt
  (accompanied by a plain, solid black tie),
  white blouse (collarless or small-collared)
  or white turtleneck, with any collar not to
  extend into the lapel area or the blazer,
  sweater, windbreaker or jacket
- Black dress slacks (accompanied by black
dress socks or black or skin-tone seamless
hose) or black dress skirt (knee-length,
accompanied by black or skin-tone
seamless hose)
- Black dress shoes – no open back or open
  toed shoes

Note: Contestants must wear their contest clothing to
the contest orientation meeting. Also bring #2
pencil, resume, and safety assurance form.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS
1. Supplied by the technical committee:
   a. Timekeeper
   b. A performance space of 8’x12’ that
      contains a 30”x96” table and one
duplex (two plug-ins) 110-volt (15
amp) electrical outlet
2. Supplied by the contestant:
   a. All materials and equipment needed for
      the demonstration to be completed two
times, once for the preliminaries and
      again for the finals, if required
   b. 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 SkillsUSA

OBSERVER RULE
1. Due space restrictions, no observers will be
   allowed.

SCOPE OF THE CONTEST

Knowledge Performance
There is no written exam for this contest.

Skill Performance
The contest requires the demonstration of a
performance of an occupational skill within the
chosen career pathway accompanied by a clear
explanation of the topic through the use of
experiments, displays or practical operations.
Contest Guidelines

1. An actual technical skill must be performed as opposed to an illustrated talk.
2. Notecards and other reference materials are not permitted.
3. Any skill may be demonstrated, provided it is a skill related to the occupational program of the contestant.
4. The demonstration shall be at least five minutes in length but shall not exceed seven minutes.
   **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.
5. Time limit: Time will be started when the demonstration begins. The timekeeper will signal the speaker at five minutes, six minutes, and six minutes 30 seconds.
6. Contestants will be allowed three minutes to set up the demonstration and three minutes to clear the demonstration room.
   **Penalty:** Five points will be deducted for each 30 seconds or fraction thereof over the three-minute allowance.
7. A performance space of 8’x12’ will be provided that contains a 30”x96” table and one duplex (two plug-ins) 110-volt (15 amp) electrical outlet.
8. Any visual or auditory aids (signs, charts, transparencies, slides, diagrams, tapes, CDs) are to be prepared by contestants. Professionally prepared visuals and audio materials may not be used. No open flames, no combustible or hazardous chemical compounds, no fluids containing pathogens or toxic chemicals and no pressurized containers will be allowed.
9. The contestant will not mention his or her name, school, city or state.
10. The demonstration is an individual performance; however, assistants may be used to set up and dismantle the demonstration. Models or assistants may be used in the demonstration but will not say or do anything that assists the demonstration other than serve as a model as needed for a facial, clothing design demonstration, etc.
11. Basic safety practices related to the skill performed must be followed. Safety violations will be subject to penalties of one to 10 points. Judges may interrupt the demonstration for serious violations.

Standards and Competencies

**JSDA 1.0 — Design and write an effective presentation that demonstrates a technical job skill related to the contestant’s field of training**

1.1 Prepare a demonstration of a technical job skill that lasts five to seven minutes
1.2 Organize the demonstration in a logical and coherent manner

**JSDA 2.0 — Deliver the presentation in a professional manner meeting the standards outlined by the technical committee**

2.1 Perform the actual technical skill in the presentation
2.2 Explain the topic through the use of experiments, displays or practical operations
2.3 Demonstrate an effective and pleasing delivery style
2.4 Effectively use verbal illustrations and examples
2.5 Make a formal and effective introduction to the presentation that clearly identifies the scope of the demonstration
2.6 Pronounce words in a clear and understandable manner
2.7 Use a variety of verbal techniques including: modulation of voice, changing volume, varied inflection, modifying tempo and verbal enthusiasm
2.8 Demonstrate poise and self-control while presenting
2.9 Demonstrate good platform development and personal confidence
2.10 Communicate the primary points of the speech in a compact and complete manner
2.11 Tie organizational elements together with an effective ending
2.12 Complete the speech within the time limits set by contest requirements
JSDA 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

JSDA 4.0 — Safety and hazardous materials

4.1 Student cannot demonstrate with pressurized aerosol cans, compressed air, gases, flammable liquids or biohazardous materials

4.2 The demonstration may be interrupted or discontinued for severe safety violations

JSDA 5.0 — SkillsUSA Framework

The SkillsUSA Framework is used to pinpoint the Essential Elements found in Personal Skills, Workplace Skills and Technical Skills Grounded in Academics. Students will be expected to display or explain how they used some of these Essential Elements. Please reference the graphic above, as you may be scored on specific elements applied to your project. For more, visit: www.skillsusa.org/about/skillsusa-framework/.