**Scope of the Contest**
To evaluate each contestant’s ability to give a speech on an assigned topic with a minimum of advance preparation.

**Knowledge Performance**
The contest will include a **Resume, and Video Presentation**. See NYS SkillsUSA Virtual Technical Standards for competencies measured.

**Contestant number must be visible at all times.**

**Contest Information** (All items must be received by due date)

- **PDF Resume**
  - Upload one file with contestant’s one-page resume. You will be given a link by April 1, 2021 to send it to.

**Zoom Interview/Role Play**
You will receive a specified date/time to participate in a virtual interview/role play via Zoom with industry professionals. You should be dressed in your SkillsUSA attire for this session. You will be provided with your extemporaneous speech topic 15 minutes prior to your assigned Zoom session.

*During your Zoom Session, you will deliver your extemporaneous speech in 5-7 minutes.*
NYS EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING (VIRTUAL)

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 REQUIREMENTS
Class A: SkillsUSA Official Attire
- Red SkillsUSA blazer, windbreaker or sweater, or black or red NYS SkillsUSA 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 of 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.
- Clothing must meet industry safety standards.
- No identification of the contestant, school or state is allowed on clothing.
- No offensive, vulgar or inappropriate images or text are allowed on contestants' clothing.
- Skirts must be at least knee-length.
- Proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must be worn by contestant to meet all state, local and school requirements due to COVID-19.

These regulations refer to clothing items that are pictured and described at: http://www.skillsusastore.org. If you have questions about clothing or other logo items, call 1-888-501-2183.

OBSERVER RULE
No observers allowed.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS
1. Supplied by the technical committee:
   a. Selected speech topic will be provided to the contestants during the virtual competition.
2. Supplied by the contestant:
   b. Blank 3”x5” cards
   c. Pencil or pen
   d. Computer with high speed internet capability and camera to use applications such as Zoom and Teams, etc. The minimum recommended internet bandwidth speeds for joining Zoom meetings, accessing on-demand curriculum and other online operations is 2.0 Mbps up and down. You can test your current internet speeds by following this link: https://www.speedtest.net/. Allow the page to load and click on GO.
   e. A secondary camera(s) may be required to provide judges with the ability to view contestants from different angles. Additional camera requirements will be located on the NYS SkillsUSA website.
f. The contestants instructor or advisor shall be on site to observe all competition activities to ensure a safe and healthy competition experience for all participants. That instructor or advisor will not be allowed to interact or interfere with the competitor unless a safety issue arises that requires interaction. Any other support or interaction between the contestant and the instructor/advisor will result in disqualification.

g. All competitors must create a one-page résumé and submit an electronic copy to the technical committee chair. Website will be provided by April 1, 2021.

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 technical committee.

**SCOPE OF THE CONTEST**

**Knowledge Performance**
There is no written knowledge test required for this contest.

**Skill Performance**
This contest evaluates each contestants ability to give a speech on an assigned topic with a minimum of advance preparation. A three- to five-minute speech will be delivered with a preparation time of five minutes.

**Contest Guidelines**
1. Contestants will be provided in advance the order of competition as assigned by the technical committee.
2. The advisor will be notified by email of the day and time of the competition for the contestant.
3. The technical committee will select speech topic based upon material in the *SkillsUSA Leadership Handbook*. All contestants will be assigned the same topic.
4. Contestants will enter the preparation room, where they will be given a speech topic. Contestants will have five minutes to determine the content and organize their speeches.
5. During preparation time, contestants may consult reference materials supplied in the preparation room and may make notes on 3"x5" cards for use during the speech. Contestants may not take any outlines,

**ARRANGEMENT OF VIRTUAL ROOMS**
1. The contestant must set up virtual meeting room’s space to accommodate the preparation time and presentation. Room must include table and chair for the preparation time and a speaker’s stand (lectern), facing the camera (judges) for the presentation time.
2. Contestants will be placed in a holding room upon entering virtual meeting room.
3. Contestants will be moved a virtual presentation room at pre-assigned time.
notes or reference materials into the preparation room.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. Contestants will not mention their name, school, city or state at any time in the presentation room. A five-point penalty will be assessed for each occurrence.

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

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 deportment 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 national contest

3.1 Display clothing that meets national standards for competition

3.2 Demonstrate good grooming in dress and personal hygiene

**ES 4.0** — 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.