



## PURPOSE

To recognize students for their successful development of a professional portfolio and to evaluate the ability of an individual to present themselves to an employer using effective communication skills.

## CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS

### NYS SkillsUSA Official Attire

- Official SkillsUSA red blazer or official SkillsUSA red jacket
- Button-up, collared, white dress shirt (accompanied by a plain, solid black tie or SkillsUSA black tie), white shirt (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 or black dress skirt (knee-length at minimum)
- Black dress shoes with black socks or nude hose.

*Note:* The official SkillsUSA windbreaker, sweater and black Carhartt jacket are no longer available for purchase in the SkillsUSA Store. However, these clothing items are grandfathered in as previous official SkillsUSA clothing and can be worn in SkillsUSA competitions as directed in this document.

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

## ELIGIBILITY

Open to active NY SkillsUSA members enrolled in a health occupations program.

## EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

1. Supplied by the technical committee:
  - a. Screen
2. Supplied by the competitors:
  - a. Laptop
  - b. Projector, cords
  - c. USB flash drive, with presentation file saved as backup.
  - d. All competitors must create a one-page resume. See “Resume Requirement” below for guidelines.

## RESUME REQUIREMENT

All competitors must create a one-page résumé and submit a hard copy at orientation. Failure to do so will result in a 10-point penalty. Note: Your resume may be judged as part of your contest. Check the Contest Guidelines and/or the updates page on the NYS SkillsUSA Website: <https://www.nysskillsusa.org>

## DEVICES

Cell phones or other electronic devices not approved by the NYS Chairperson will be collected by the contest chair during the competition. Chairpersons will announce their acceptance by listing it on their standard or at the orientation meeting. In case of emergencies, advisors should allow the competitors to take their phones to the contest areas.

If the competitor uses their device in a manner which compromises the integrity of the competition, the competitor’s score may be penalized.

## ORIENTATION

The following are required at the orientation meeting, or a penalty may apply. Refer to the penalties section.

1. Safety form will be collected
2. Resume will be collected.
3. SkillsUSA NYS Official attire is required.
4. NLSC form with student information should be in their name badges with their competition numbers displayed.
4. Notebooks will be collected at orientation. Competitors must retrieve their notebooks from the display room as stated in the program.

## SCOPE OF THE COMPETITION

### KNOWLEDGE PERFORMANCE

The knowledge performance portion of this competition is the creation of a professional portfolio with title page, table of contents and six required sections in specific order. Competitors are required to take the NYS SkillsUSA professional development test at orientation.

### SKILL PERFORMANCE

The competition includes a live presentation by the competitor designed to evaluate the ability of an individual to present themselves to an employer using effective communication skills.

### COMPETITION GUIDELINES

#### 1. Notebook

Each competitor is required to submit an official SkillsUSA three-ring, 1-inch loose-leaf binder. Photographs, news articles, illustrations, and other informative material may be included to support and enhance written evidence of the competitor's participation in activities as described in the notebook. Pages must be limited to 25 (50 surfaces). Divider pages *do not* count toward the maximum number of pages allowed. Dividers are not numbered. The page number should be on the bottom right corner of each page. Notebook must include the following, presented in the order given:

- a. Title Page — include name of competitor, name of school, grade, training program and a picture of competitor
- b. Table of Contents with page numbers
- c. Components of an Employment Portfolio

#### 1.) Resume and Career Objectives

Prepare a current resume. The student should include a written statement describing his or her career objective and plans to achieve that objective and competencies that have been mastered. All competitors must also submit a hard copy of the resume to the technical committee chair at orientation. Failure to do so will result in a 10-point penalty.

#### 2.) References

Letters of reference from teachers, mentors, supervisors, employers, or others who can verify the student's skill ability (limit to three references).

#### 3.) Awards and Recognition

Include color copies of certificates, documentation of leadership activities, news articles and supporting material to serve as proof of the student's achievements. Reflect the highest level of achievement.

#### 4.) Work Sample Documentation

Summary of work site experiences pertaining to health occupations. Students should distinguish project documentation resulting from school-based learning versus work-based learning. Work experience can be supported with photographs as appropriate.

### **5.) Community Service**

List activities conducted that provided a benefit to the community. This section should show excellence and professionalism in community service. Do not include original certificates and awards. Make color copies.

### **6.) Membership and Affiliations**

List organizations and community groups in which the student is actively involved. Do not include original certificates and awards. Make color copies.

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## **2. Presentation**

Students should be prepared to make a five- to seven-minute oral presentation on their portfolio to the judges. Competitors should anticipate answering questions from the judges. Students are strongly encouraged to use current multimedia technology. This could include (but is not limited to) video, audio or computer-generated presentations in software such as PowerPoint. A computer and projector will not be provided. A screen will be. Make sure to have the presentation on a USB flash drive.

## **3. Judging**

Notebooks will be submitted at orientation. The notebooks will be returned to the competitor at the end of the live presentation. The judges will be permitted to have the notebooks during the presentation. Competitors must report to the competition area at the designated time with all equipment necessary for their presentation. Students will be required to stay until they are dismissed by the judges.

## **STANDARDS AND COMPETENCIES**

### **HOPP 1.0 — Create a portfolio notebook that effectively describes health occupation skills attained and meets the structural guidelines established by the competition technical committee**

- 1.1. Write a title page that includes the competitor's name, school, grade, training program and picture.
- 1.2. List each section and corresponding page numbers in a table of contents.
- 1.3. Include all components as identified by the technical committee.

### **HOPP2.0—Create and deliver a five-toseven-minute oral presentation on the submitted portfolio that meets the presentation guidelines established by the competition technical committee**

- 2.1. Make a formal and effective introduction to the speech.
- 2.2. Demonstrate an effective and pleasing delivery style.
- 2.3. Communicate the primary points of the presentation in a compact and complete manner.
- 2.4. Effectively use verbal illustrations and examples to explain technical information.

- 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. Tie organizational elements together with an effective ending.
- 2.9. Complete the speech within the time limits set by competition requirements.
- 2.10. Respond to questions from judges following the presentation.
- 2.11. Use current multimedia technology when applicable.
  - 2.11.1. Provide any necessary audiovisual presentation equipment needed for the presentation.
- 2.12. Present in attire that meets national requirements for competition.

### **HOPP 3.0 — 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/](http://www.skillsusa.org/about/skillsusa-framework/).

