



PREPARED SPEECH CONTEST

OVERVIEW

The Prepared Speech contest evaluates each contestant's ability to prepare and present clearly and effectively a series of thoughts relating to a central theme.

THE CONTEST

- The topic to be addressed by contestants in the 2022 SkillsUSA Chapter Display, Prepared Speech and Promotional Bulletin Board competitions is our theme, "SkillsUSA: United as One."
- Within this topic, contestants might illustrate or discuss any of the following:
 - What does "United as One" mean to you in relation to your SkillsUSA chapter?
 - How has your participation in SkillsUSA made you a better team member and what have you learned and demonstrated around the Essential Element of teamwork?
 - How has your participation in SkillsUSA impacted your knowledge and demonstration of the Essential Element of multicultural sensitivity and awareness?
 - How is the theme, "SkillsUSA: United as One" related to the SkillsUSA Framework and how will the Framework, in turn, prepare you for career success?
 - What activities or learning within your career and technical education program have prepared you to contribute to a business setting with the attitude of "United as One"?
- Contestants will deliver a five to seven minute Prepared Speech via virtual platform to a panel of judges. 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.
- Contestants are to submit one typewritten copy of the speech via electronic upload. 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.
- Contestants must create a one-page résumé and submit via electronic upload. Failure to do so will result in a 10-point penalty.

See SkillsUSA Technical Standards for contest guidelines and standards and competencies measured.

CONTEST SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

- Contest items must be submitted electronically through the contest submission form.
- Contestants will receive a specified date/time and login credentials to participate in the virtual portion of the contest via electronic platform with a panel of judges. Contestants should be dressed in professional business attire or SkillsUSA attire for this session.

DEADLINE

All contest items must be received by Tuesday, February 15, 2022, through the contest submission form.