



Regional 2020-2021 Contest Catalog

20-Second Elevator Story (Virtual)

Contest Description

This contest follows State Standards & Guidelines.

Contestants will have 20 seconds to respond to the question, **“What is SkillsUSA?”** Contestants should also incorporate the current theme in their presentation. The 2020-2021 theme is: **“Champions at Work, Empowered to Succeed.”**

Regional Competition

- There is no written knowledge test required in this contest
- This contest accesses public speaking skills through the delivery of a 20-second speech
- Contestants will be stopped at 1 minute if they go over 20 seconds

Students will compete in this competition live over the Zoom platform on January 9, 2021. Students should be ready to present at their scheduled time. The Team schedule will be emailed to the advisor/contestants by Friday, December 11, 2020. Changes cannot be made to scheduled time slots. Resumes must be submitted to SkillsUSA California by January 2, 2021 (details to follow).

Contest Guidelines

Contestants should prepare for the 20 Second Elevator by developing the following competencies:

1. Make a formal introduction.
2. Understand and practice elements of informal conversation.
3. Prepare for a presentation on a given topic for a specific time.
4. Demonstrate an effective delivery style.
5. Demonstrate good platform deportment and personal confidence.
6. Organize speech material in a logical and coherent manner.

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7. Effectively vary voice in pitch, tone, tempo, and volume.
8. Contestants will use no manuscripts, note cards or any other written material.

Materials Supplied by SkillsUSA CA

Timer/Stopwatch

All information for judges

Student Materials List

1. Resume (PDF)
2. Computer with high-speed internet capability and camera to use applications such as Zoom. 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.

Clothing Requirements

Official Dress is NOT required for Regionals. Clothing must be unbranded with no words, images, or logos. SkillsUSA or SkillsUSA California attire is recommended.

Note: Check the Contest Guidelines and/or the updates page on the SkillsUSA website:

www.skillsusa.org/compete/updates.shtml

<https://www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/contest-descriptions/>

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