AMERICAN SPIRIT
(Virtual)

Contest Description

This contest follows all National Standards & Guidelines.

This is a notebook contest for teams of 3, documenting SkillsUSA chapters' community service projects focusing on patriotism, citizenship, and the promotion of career and technical education that demonstrate a belief in the American way of life and the purposes of SkillsUSA.   Only one project per category may be submitted. Students must plan, organize, prepare, and execute all projects within the current competition school year. Please see the contest guidelines below for notebook criteria. There will be an interview of no more than 8 minutes where contestants will be asked to explain how they approached their various activities and how the project benefited their chapter. Teams may be required to submit their notebook prior to their competition.

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 and Contest Notebooks must be submitted to SkillsUSA California by **January 2, 2021** (details to follow).

Knowledge Skill

There is no written exam for this contest.

Contest Guidelines

1. All competitors must create a one-page resume and submit a PDF to SkillsUSA California (details to follow).
2. Notebooks must be typed and submitted as PDFs. Teams can choose to submit their digital files as PDF's, or to take pictures of their finished binder, upload, and

convert the pictures to PDFs, or a combination of both methods. This PDF must be submitted to SkillsUSA California (details to follow).

3. The notebook/scrapbook will contain no more than 75 sheets of paper the size of the official SkillsUSA notebook or scrapbook.
4. Both surfaces of the 75 sheets may be filled for a *maximum* of 150 surfaces.
5. 10 points per sheet of paper will be deducted for exceeding these maximums.
6. A surface is only that material which can be pasted or glued to the basic notebook/scrapbook paper.
7. Original copies of newspaper articles must be submitted.
8. Dates of articles must be in the article, letter, or digital communication or the date must be attached to the newspaper article, letter or digital communication (digital communication should contain the URL link as well).
9. No complete names should be used anywhere in the book - first OR last names only.

Documentation must include the following in this order:

Title Page: Include the name of the chapter, name of chapter president, school name, school address and school telephone number, and a complete list of all credentials or certifications offered through the school's SkillsUSA pathway(s). The order should be as listed.

Table of Contents: (This should be Page 1.) The table of contents will follow the presented order list with page numbers. (It is better to itemize each section with page numbers for the item rather than a range of pages for the section.)

Section I: Community Service
1. A single project description
2. Indication of the applicable SkillsUSA Framework component (Personal Skills, Workplace Skills, Technical Skills Grounded in Academics)and Essential Elements used to complete the project
3. Objectives for the project
4. Evidence of planning for project
5. Methods of implementation

6. The number of members involved in the activity and the total membership (if the activity was done by a single pathway, use the pathway membership; however, if the entire chapter participated, use the total membership numbers)

7. Letters (two or three) of recommendation or recognition

8. Photographs (at least three and no more than six)

Section II: Patriotism and Citizenship

A single project description

2. Indication of the applicable SkillsUSA Framework component (Personal Skills, Workplace Skills, Technical Skills Grounded in Academics) and Essential Elements used to complete the project

3. Objectives for the project

4. Evidence of planning for project

5. Methods of implementation

6. The number of members involved in the activity and the total membership (if the activity was done by a single pathway, use the pathway membership; however, if the entire chapter participated, use the total membership numbers)

7. Letters (two or three) of recommendation or recognition

8. Photographs (at least three and no more than six)

Section III: Promotion of Career and Technical Education:

1. A single project description

2. 2. Indication of the applicable SkillsUSA Framework component (Personal Skills, Workplace Skills, Technical Skills Grounded in Academics) and Essential Elements used to complete the project

3. 3. Objectives for the project

4. 4. Evidence of planning for project

5. 5. Methods of implementation

6. 6. The number of members involved in the activity and the total membership (if the activity was done by a single pathway, use the pathway membership; however, if the entire chapter participated, use the total membership numbers)

7. 7. Letters (two or three) of recommendation or recognition

8. 8. Photographs (at least three and no more than six)

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Letters of Recommendation/Recognition: (three for each project — one from each category)
1. Letter of verification from a school administrator will be required for each project on school letterhead stationery with a signature and date.
2. Letter from a business, organization, or industry representative will be required for each project, on official stationery with a signature and date.
3. Letter from local newspaper, radio station or TV station verifying that articles have been submitted and/or published to publicize the activity conducted by the SkillsUSA chapter.
    a. PDFs of newspaper articles may be submitted for proof.
    b. The date of the project must be within the article or attached to the article.

Photographs:
1. At least three and not more than six good photographs (digitally reproduced copies are acceptable for photographs) of each project must be submitted to show events as they were conducted. (A collage-type picture is acceptable but must be printed as a single item.)
2. Photos should be affixed in the scrapbook/notebook and identified.
3. Photographs should be labeled with a description of the event taking place. Names (use only the person's first or last name) of people in the photograph should be included.

4. **Interview**:
1. An interview will be set up with one student designated by the advisor or all 3 team members. Students will have an opportunity to explain how they approached various activities and how the project benefited their class. The interview will be used to help verify points awarded by the judges and to answer any questions they may have.
2. No PowerPoint presentations or visual aids other than the notebook may be referenced during the interview

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Student Materials List

1. Resume (SkillsUSA format)
2. Notebook/Scrapbook
3. 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/