



## Regional 2020-2021 Contest Catalog

### EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING (Virtual)

#### Contest Description

*This contest follows all National Standards & Guidelines.*

Contestants will compete individually. Contestants will have five minutes to organize the content of their speech in the preparation breakout room. The contestant will create a speech, of 3 - 5 minutes in length, using the prompt provided, and will present immediately afterward.

**Students will compete in this competition live over the Zoom platform on **January 16, 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 9, 2021** (details to follow).

#### Regional Competition

Contestants enter the preparation breakout room one at a time where they are given a speech topic. They will prepare their speech and be linked to a Breakout Room with their Panel of judges to deliver their speech. Contestants will be judged on voice, mechanics, platform deportment, organization, and effectiveness.

#### Scoring Guidelines:

Judging Criteria	Points
Opening	150
Voice	100
Platform Deportment	100

Penalties
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clothing: -50</li><li>• Time: -5 points for every 20 seconds under 3 minutes. Contestant will be stopped at 6 minutes with a -50 point penalty assessed</li><li>• Resume: -10 points</li></ul>

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Organization	200
Mechanics	100
Closing	150
Effectiveness	200

- Name Identification (person, school, city, state): -5 points each

**Opening:** Speaker is engaging, addresses prompt

**Voice:** Voice is well modulated and controlled, and carries the rhythm of the speech

**Platform Deportment:** Speaker is poised and demonstrates good control of movement

**Organization:** Speech is well organized, and the organization can be easily followed

**Mechanics:** Proper grammar is used and diction is clear

**Closing:** Closing provides a clear and solid conclusion and summary of the speech

**Effectiveness:** Assigned topic is covered, and the purpose of the speech is clear and achieved

### EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

#### Supplied by the technical committee:

- Prompt
- Stopwatch (1 per Judge)
- Time cards: (Green: 3 minutes, yellow: 4 minutes, red: 5 minutes)

#### Materials Required by Contestants:

1. PDF of Resume (SkillsUSA format)
2. Memorized quotes for possible use (not written down prior to preparation time)
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:

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**Optional materials Contestants may use during prep** (contestant must provide if needed-will need to show the judge prior to using them during their prep time)

- Pencil or pen
- Notecards or paper
- SkillsUSA Leadership Handbook
- Dictionary
- Thesaurus

### **Clothing Requirement**

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](http://www.skillsusa.org/compete/updates.shtml)

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

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