



## Prepared Speech

*To evaluate each competitor's ability to prepare and present clearly and effectively a series of thoughts as a prepared speech relating to a central theme.*

<b>On-Site/Off-Site</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● On-Site</li> </ul>
<b>Contest Date</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 5/5/2026</li> </ul>
<b>Contest Location</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Convention Center</li> <li>● A210/A213</li> </ul>
<b>Early/Normal Start Time</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Normal Start Time</li> <li>● Registration will open at 8:00am. Please report to B-Hall Show Office for Registration. Competition will begin at 10:00am.</li> </ul>
<b>Contest Open/Closed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Closed</li> <li>● This contest is closed to observers, instructors, and advisors.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligibility &amp; Contest Type</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Please refer to the Program Guidelines for eligibility- <a href="https://www.ohioskillsusa.org/resources/">https://www.ohioskillsusa.org/resources/</a></li> <li>● Regional Qualifier Contest (Must attend and place in the top 4 at Regionals to Qualify to Compete at State Level)</li> </ul>
<b>Clothing</b>	<p><b><u>For Competition Day the Dress Code is:</u></b> Class A</p> <p><b><u>For the Awards Ceremony the Dress Code is:</u></b> Class A or Class J</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">SkillsUSA Ohio Clothing Guide</a></li> </ul>
<b>Safety Equipment Required</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Testing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There is no written test required for this competition.</li> </ul>
<b>Provided by Contestant (Tool List)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● One copy of a 1 page typed personal resume</li> <li>● NO NOTE CARDS may be used</li> </ul>
<b>Contest Notes, Themes, &amp; Deadlines</b>	<p>Competition Theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The SkillsUSA competition theme for the 2025-2026 school year is: "SkillsUSA: Champion Your Future." Within this topic, competitors might illustrate or discuss any of the following:</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The membership theme “SkillsUSA: Champion Your Future” implies that members have both the tools and the confidence to take on further education or employment in their career field. Name three ways that SkillsUSA has prepared you with the tools to enter the workforce?</li> <li>• How is the SkillsUSA Framework of developing Personal Skills, Workplace Skills and Technical Skills Grounded in Academics central to the idea of being ready for employment? The theme “Champion Your Future” is inclusive of all SkillsUSA members and their collective preparedness and confidence in their skills and abilities.</li> <li>• How has your SkillsUSA chapter worked together to ensure that all chapter members are career-ready? If asked to create a member recruitment campaign around the theme “Champion Your Future”, what would be your key points? How has learning and practicing the SkillsUSA Framework Essential Elements given you confidence in your skill set?</li> <li>• Name two Essential Elements that you have practiced during your SkillsUSA membership that are mastered now. What activities or learning within your career and technical education program have prepared you to contribute to the workforce, implementing the concepts and the positive confidence exemplified in the theme “SkillsUSA: Champion Your Future”?</li> <li>• What does the theme “SkillsUSA” Champion Your Future” mean to you?</li> </ul>
<p><b>WIFI Provided?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No</li> </ul>
<p><b>Special Notes/Rules for All Contests</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starting in 2024, all Skilled Trade State Contests (most leadership contests already use scenarios) will begin to add a scenario-based component.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wi-Fi will NOT BE AVAILABLE unless listed above.</u></b> If you need WIFI access, please plan to bring a hotspot.</li> <li>• All safety requirements will be heavily enforced. Competitors are to follow all safety standards and OSHA Regulations</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Contestants MUST HAVE A COPY OF THEIR EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORM IN THEIR NAME BADGE AT ALL TIMES</i></b></p> <p><b><u>THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROHIBITED; VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MAY RESULT IN COMPETITOR DISQUALIFICATION:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contact with Contest Coordinators is prohibited.</li> <li>- Contact with Contest Coordinators outside of the SkillsUSA Ohio is strictly prohibited.</li> <li>- Possession of smart watches and/or phones during the contest and/or in contest.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contact with anyone outside of the contest area once the contest begins.</li> <li>- Inappropriate communication between contestants such as verbally degrading another contest.</li> <li>- Cheating on any portion of the contest such as informing another contestant of the skills/test prior to competing.</li> <li>- Lack of Copy Emergency Medical Form in Name Badge.</li> </ul>
<b>National Technical Standards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Please refer to the <b>2024-2026 National Technical Standards</b> for all contests. All standards included may be tested in any competition.</li> <li>● In conjunction with National Standards, lack of understanding of State Level competition standards (this document) may result in student loss of contest.</li> </ul>
<b>Resume/Interview Requirement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All SkillsUSA Ohio State Championship Contests will require a short interview component. Students should be prepared with basic job interview skills.</li> <li>● All contestants <b><u>must have a hard copy</u></b> of a one (1) page personal resume.</li> </ul>

