

Prepared Speech

CHAIR: Crystal Roberts, Kansas Board of Regents

CONTEST DATE: April 25, 2024

CONTEST LOCATION: Fairgrounds - Cottonwood Court

CONTEST TIME: 3:00 pm

PURPOSE: To evaluate each contestant's ability to prepare and present clearly and effectively a series of thoughts relating to a central theme.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to active SkillsUSA members.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENT:

- Official SkillsUSA red blazer or official SkillsUSA red jacket (*OR grandfathered-in SkillsUSA windbreaker, sweater, or black Carhartt jacket*)
- Button-up, collared, white dress shirt (accompanied by a plain, solid black tie or SkillsUSA black tie), white shirt (collarless or small-collared) or white turtleneck, with any collar not to extend into the lapel area of the blazer, sweater, windbreaker, or jacket
- Black dress slacks or black dress skirt (knee-length at minimum)
- Black closed-toe dress shoes
- Wearing socks or hose is no longer required. If worn, socks must be black dress socks, and hose must be either black or skin-tone and seamless/nonpattern.

SkillsUSA Official Attire



CONTEST UPDATES: For contest guidelines refer to the Technical Standards.

NOTES FROM CHAIR: Writing out your speech will help you perfect it. Obtaining evaluations from others will help you improve and give you the opportunity to practice. Practicing your speech will give you confidence and help you remain poised during the delivery.

Theme: The SkillsUSA competition theme for the 2023-2024 is - SkillsUSA: No Limits

SkillsUSA: No Limits

[Download the official theme artwork.](#)

The topic to be addressed by contestants in the **Chapter Display**, **Prepared Speech**, and **Promotional Bulletin Board** competitions is how our theme, “SkillsUSA: No Limits,” addresses the SkillsUSA program of work in the area of professional development.

Within this topic, competitors might illustrate or discuss any of the following:

1. The theme “SkillsUSA: No Limits” implies that there is no ceiling to what SkillsUSA student members can achieve. Name three ways that SkillsUSA helped you gain greater confidence to achieve your goals.
2. How has SkillsUSA helped you answer the question, “What career field interests you the most?”
3. If you were asked to create a member recruitment campaign around the theme “SkillsUSA: No Limits,” what would be three key points?
4. How has learning and practicing the SkillsUSA Framework Essential Elements given you confidence in your skill set? Name two Essential Elements that you have utilized to help you work toward a goal.
5. What does the theme “SkillsUSA: No Limits” mean to you?
6. A supportive community is crucial in helping us reach our goals and achieve a “no-limits” future. How do you demonstrate being a supportive teammate to others?

