



## CONTEST SCOPE

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### Contest:

**Prepared Speech**

### Purpose:

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

### Clothing:

Contest appropriate clothing. Students will not be penalized for clothing unless it is a safety violation.

## Equipment and Material:

### Equipment/Tools/Materials Provided by Host School:

Stopwatch  
Time cards  
Pencils

### Equipment/Tools/Materials Provided by the Contestant:

# Scope of Contest

## Knowledge Performance

There is no written knowledge test required for this contest.

Contestants' knowledge will be demonstrated through performance demonstration.

## Skill Performance

This contest assesses public speaking skills through delivery of a five-to-seven-minute speech.

## Contest Guidelines

The topic for the prepared speech will be established by SkillsUSA: Theme. "Champion Your Future"

The speech will be five to seven minutes in length. Penalty: Five points will be deducted for each 30 seconds or fraction thereof under five minutes, or for each 30 seconds or fraction thereof over seven minutes.

Time limit: Time will be started when the speech begins. The timer will signal the speaker at five minutes and at seven minutes. The contestant will be permitted to use a watch or clock.

No visual aids, props, notes and/or notecards will be permitted.

Contestants will not mention their name, school, city or state. A five-point penalty will be assessed for each occurrence.

The following judging criteria will be used:

- a. Opening – Has a strong, clear opening
- b. Voice – Voice is well modulated and controlled, and carries the rhythm of the speech
- c. Platform deportment – Speaker is poised and demonstrates good control of movement
- d. Organization – Speech is well organized, and the organization can be easily followed
- e. Mechanics – Proper grammar is used and diction is clear
- f. Closing – Closing provides a clear and solid conclusion and summary of the speech
- g. Effectiveness – Assigned topic is covered, and the purpose of the speech is clear and achieved
- h. Timing – Speech falls within the five to seven-minute contest requirement