




SkillsUSA® Contest Scope

Contest:	Cosmetology under 500 hours
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Contest Location: 	Reading Muhlenberg CTC 2615 Warren Rd. Reading, PA 19604 Phone: 610-921-7300
Purpose:	To evaluate each contestant's preparation for employment and to recognize outstanding students for excellence and professionalism in the field of Cosmetology under 500 hours . (The competitor may not exceed 500 hours as of our State Leadership and Skills Conference, April 2026)
Clothing:	Contestants: White top/blouse/shirt, black dress slacks, black socks, and black leather, work, or dress shoes. Must be professional dress, no jeans or yoga pants.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS:

Provided by the Host School:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Station with mirror • Waste Container • Broom and Dust pan • Hand Sanitizer • Hot and Cold Water
Provided by the Contestant:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mannequin- Burmax Sam II mannequin- Brown hair (S153) • Mannequin clamp/stand • Water bottle • Haircutting combs • Clips • Shears • Rattail Combs • Blow dryer • Assorted Round Brushes • Styling Aids • Thermal tool- Marcel Curling Iron (NO spring iron) • Hand Towel(s) • A labeled spray bottle of disinfectant and wubbie towels for station set up. • One gallon trash bag for trash • Blood spill kit

SCOPE OF CONTEST:

<p>Competitors will be required to test their skills in the following areas:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25 Question test (25 minutes) on Level 1 Cosmetology will be given at the start of the competition. Test will consist of questions from infection control, properties of hair and scalp, haircutting and styling, and manicuring. The best score/grade will be used to break a tie if it exists.• Zero Degree Haircut (45 minutes) Create a Zero (0) degree haircut. Finished length must be at least 7 inches. Must remove 1 inch of hair from entire head.• Daytime Style (45 minutes) Using mannequin with completed Zero (0) degree haircut to complete blow dry and style. Movement and volume should be created with the round brush and/or curling iron (No spring iron curling irons). Must show proper technique of using marcel curling iron.
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Anything else competitors may need to know:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Students will not be permitted to use the Internet or printed materials for reference.</u> <p>Safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All contestants must follow infection control and safety procedures before and during the contest.• All implements and supplies used must be clean and sanitary.• The contestant is expected to leave the station clean and in an orderly fashion. Blood spill kit is supplied by contestant. <p>Items NOT permitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No ornamentation for hair style.• CELL PHONES or other electronic devices, including SMART WATCHES. If found on the contestant, then contestant will be disqualified. <p>Special Instructions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All rules followed• No Talking and professionalism is expected• It is impossible for the host schools to list all the tools you may have instructed your students to use when performing certain tasks. Feel free to bring additional tools you feel might be required to work on the project mentioned in the scope of the contest.• The host schools and judges reserve the right to check all tool boxes and/or tools and materials prior to competition. Any tools we feel give the contestant (in their opinion) an unfair advantage will not be permitted.• Contestant may not leave the contest site until they are dismissed.
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PHOTOS FOR BLOWOUT/CURL STYLE

