



Job Skill Demonstration

2023 State Fair

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DATE: Monday, September 25, 2023

TIME: 10:30 a.m. Registration
10:45 a.m. Contest
1:30 p.m. Awards

PLACE: State Fairgrounds at The Meadows in Doswell, VA, Caroline County

CONTEST CHAIR: Tim Lawrence, SkillsUSA Virginia

PURPOSE: To evaluate each contestant's ability to demonstrate and explain a skill used in the occupational area for which he or she is training.

SCOPE OF CONTEST:

1. Contestants should prepare for the job skill demonstration by developing the following abilities:
 - a. Prepare a five- to seven-minute demonstration.
 - b. Practice elements of informal conversation.
 - c. Demonstrate an effective and pleasing delivery style.
 - d. Pronounce words in a clear and understandable manner.
 - e. Demonstrate good platform deportment and personal confidence.
 - f. Organize demonstration in a logical and coherent manner.
 - g. Effectively vary voice in pitch, tone, tempo, and volume.
 - h. Demonstrate good grooming in dress and personal hygiene.
2. The demonstration is a performance of an occupational skill accompanied by a clear explanation of the topic through the use of experiments, displays, or practical operations. An actual skill must be performed as opposed to an illustrated talk. Note cards and other reference materials are not permitted.
3. Any skill may be demonstrated, provided it is a skill related to the occupational program of the contestant. *(Schools may not enter the same job demonstration, each must be different)*
4. The demonstration shall be at least five minutes in length but shall not exceed seven minutes.
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.
5. Time will start when the demonstration begins. The timekeeper will signal the speaker at 5 minutes, 6 minutes, and 6 minutes and 30 seconds.
6. Contestants will be allowed three minutes to set up the demonstration and three minutes to clear the demonstration room. **Penalty:** Five points will be deducted for each 30 seconds or fraction thereof over the three-minute allowance.
7. A performance space will be provided that contains a table and one 110-volt electrical outlet.
8. Any visual or auditory aids (e.g., signs, charts, transparencies, slides, diagrams, tapes, CDs) are to be prepared by contestants. Professionally prepared visuals and audio materials may not be used. No

pressurized aerosol cans of any kind will be permitted, and no compressed air, gas, or flammable liquid may be used.

9. The contestant will not mention his or her name, school, or city.
10. The demonstration is an individual performance; however, assistants may be used to set up and dismantle the demonstration. Models or assistants may be used in the demonstration but will not say or do anything that assists the demonstration other than serve as a model as needed (e.g., for a facial, clothing design demonstration).
11. Basic safety practices related to the skill performed must be followed. Safety violations will be subject to penalties of 1–25 points. Judges may stop the demonstration for serious violations.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The SkillsUSA State Fair Job Skill Demonstration Contest WILL NOT be separated by category. All competitors compete in the same category.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to any active SkillsUSA member.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENT:

Official red blazer, windbreaker-style jacket or sweater or Official black jacket; black dress slacks; white dress shirt; plain black tie with no pattern or SkillsUSA black tie; black socks and black shoes.

Official red blazer, windbreaker-style jacket or sweater or Official black jacket; black dress skirt (knee-length) or slacks with business like white, collarless blouse or white blouse with small, plain collar that may not extend onto the lapels of the blazer; black sheer or skin-tone seamless hose and black dress shoes.

NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS: Unlimited

ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 per student entering the competition.

DEADLINE: Schools must register the number of teams by September 15, 2023. Substitutions may be made the day of the competition.

- *Participants must have a Student Competition Ticket to enter the Fairgrounds unless they are already at the Fair for another competition.*
- *Teachers are responsible for ordering tickets directly from the State Fair Ticket Office using a State Fair Student Competition Ticket Order link, which can be found on-line at www.skillsusava.org under 'State Fair'*
- *State Fair tickets MUST be ordered online so everyone may enter near the contest site. (Gate 2) You will be allowed to park in this area with advance tickets. No picking up tickets on site.*

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Score Card	Points
OPENING: <i>Clearly identifies scope of demo</i>	15
VOICE: <i>Pitch, tempo, volume, diction, enthusiasm</i>	10
PLATFORM DEPORTMENT: <i>Gestures, poise, mannerism, Use of visual aids</i>	10
ORGANIZATION: <i>Logic, clarity, suitability, coherence</i>	15
SKILL: <i>Skill level, technique, appropriateness</i>	15
EFFECTIVENESS: <i>Covers topic, informative, interesting</i>	20
CLOSING: <i>Summary, conclusion</i>	15
CLOTHING: Official dress (see above)	10
MINUS TIME PENALTY (0 to 20)	
Total	110