



## **Extemporaneous Writing**

### **Purpose**

To evaluate each contestant's ability to develop a written essay that will convey an original public relations message about SkillsUSA Virginia to the general public.

### **Clothing Requirement**

SkillsUSA Official Dress or business attire

### **Eligibility**

This contest is open to all active SkillsUSA members

### **Exhibit of Entries**

No observers will be permitted to view the contest in progress. The essays may be viewed on the day of the skill competitions after the final judging is completed. Entries must be picked up by 2 p.m. on Saturday of the SLC.

### **Equipment and Materials**

1. Supplied by Technical Committee
  - Tables
  - Chairs
  - Paper, pencils
  - Chairman and judges
  - Notecard containing selected topic – one for each contestant
2. Supplied by Contestant
  - One-page type written resume
  - One copy of each of the following reference materials; a dictionary, a SkillsUSA Leadership Handbook, a book of quotations, and a thesaurus

- Computer with word processing capability
- Clean jump drive to transfer and print document

### **Scope of Contest**

1. The title of the Extemporaneous Writing essay will be based on material contained in the SkillsUSA Leadership Handbook.
2. There shall be a minimum of 300 words and a maximum of 500 words in the body of the essay.
3. The essay will be typed and printed on one side of 8 ½" x 11" white paper.
4. The name and school of the contestant shall be omitted from the body of the essay
5. A maximum of three hours will be allotted for the completion of the essay
6. All work must be found in .txt format
7. All work must be printed on provided printer
8. Failure to comply with 2,3,4,6 and 7 will result in 10 point penalty violation.