

Reminder - clean up is part of the competition. All tables need to be folded and stacked before anyone leaves competition area. Make sure everything in your area is clean and removed.



Fantasy Manikin (Live) (District and State Levels Only) 2026 SkillsUSA Virginia State Leadership Conference and Skill Championships

Location: *March 09, 2026 - March 11, 2026*

Virginia Beach Convention Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia

- ***Sack lunches need to be labeled with contestant number only and will be accepted at registration only**

March 9: Contest Orientation 4 p.m.

March 10: Contest 8 a.m.

Theme: Animal Kingdom

Orientation Meeting:

All Resumes will be submitted at this time.

Purpose

To evaluate each contestant's preparation for employment and to recognize outstanding students for excellence and professionalism in creative cosmetology

Contest Description

Contestants will demonstrate their artistic and creative abilities to create a Fantasy look.

Eligibility

Open to active SkillsUSA members enrolled in the field of cosmetology cluster as the occupational objective

Reminders

- Contestants should report a few minutes early to the contest site with their name tag turned so that their contestant number is showing.
 - The contest is not considered over until the area has been cleaned.
 - Contestants must submit **Resumes**. Resumes should be turned in on Friday, **April 4**, during the contest orientation meeting.
- *If you miss orientation due to transportation, bring the required documentation and turn it in at orientation**

- **No cell phones or Flash Photography of any kind on the contest floor during the Contest (pictures and videos will be allowed after the contest).**

Clothing Requirement

White Dress Shirt with Black tie or Official SkillsUSA white polo shirt, black dress slacks, black socks, and black leather work or dress shoes, or White Dress Shirt or Official white polo top, black dress slacks or skirt, black socks, and black leather work or dress shoes. Shoes should not exceed a 2-inch heel. These regulations refer to clothing items that are pictured and described at www.skillsusastore.org.

Note: Contestants must wear their official contest clothing to the contest orientation meeting. If you have any questions, please refer to the National SkillsUSA guidelines.

Equipment and Materials

1. Supplied by the technical committee:

A Tables – workspace not to exceed 4 feet.

B **NO electricity** furnished for this contest

2. Supplied by the contestant:

a) Manikin includes Head and Neck only. Manikin should not have shoulders, a half, or an entire body. **Manikin hair can be pre-done with color, but no manufactured pre-colored synthetic manikins may be used.** Manikins may be previously curled or straightened, but all clips and pins should be removed before entering the competition area.

b) **Manikin clamp/holder** (No Tripods)

c) All supplies needed for manikin design

d) **Typed: Theme Name of the fantasy (Animal Kingdom) with the description of the theme will be placed on cardstock and displayed by the manikin. This will be included in the judging.**

e) Small First aid kit.

f) **No Props will be allowed in this contest.** Props include poster boards, tri-folds, scarves, flowers, or anything that is not part of the hairstyle. Contestants must create the style using hair or hair extensions. Temporary hair color is allowed. Hair additions necessary to create the style, such as hair bun makers, ponytail holders, etc., must be hidden within the hairstyle. Manikin makeup is allowed, including artificial eyelashes. All makeup must

be flat art. Any participant who uses props during the judging will lose points. During judging, the only thing on the table should be the fantasy manikin and the theme.

- g) **Jewelry** used as part of the fantasy hairstyle does not have to be covered in hair. **Two-thirds of the hair must be visible and must not be hidden by Jewelry.**

Scope of the Contest – This contest is FANTASY (Not wearable or evening).

Contestants will demonstrate their artistic and creative abilities to create a fantasy look. The manikins will be evaluated for hair styling and creativity.

1. Manikins may be pre-colored before competition and may be curled or flat-ironed. All rollers, clips, etc., will be removed prior to competition. Manikins must be free of any cosmetic or jewelry work. Manikins will be checked prior to the beginning of the contest.

2. Contestants are allowed to create a hair design of their choice.

- a) Any styling technique may be used (such as braiding, twisting, rolls, loops, and others).
- b) Contestants apply makeup to the mannequin **on site, during the contest**
- c) Earrings may be added to the mannequin **on site during the contest.**
- d) Temporary Hair coloring is allowed at the competition site.
- e) Artificial eye lashes are allowed (must be applied **on-site, during the contest**)
- f) Styling products may be used.

3. No Props.

4. Contestants will have 2 hours (120 minutes) to complete the fantasy look.

5. Three to five-minute oral interviews will **be done during the contest.**

Contestants should prepare to speak about their theme, techniques, tools, products, and inspiration.

6. Only contestants will be allowed on the contest floor. No Cell phones, no communication with the judges, advisors, or audience.

Contest Instructions

- a. **The contestant will supply his or her own manikin and holder** for this contest.
- b. Contestants will remove styling tools, but the Fantasy Manikins will stay on display until all contests are finished. Manikins should be picked by 2:00 p.m., and contestants will fold their tables
- c. Contestants must clean up their work area before leaving the contest floor

and also when they pick up their mannequin.

Contest Timing

- a) Station set up – 10 minutes
- b) Fantasy Manikin Contest – 2 Hours (Includes oral interview)
- c) Station cleanup – 10 minutes

Scoring Criteria

The contestant's entries will be evaluated based on their performance in the following areas:

- a. Artistic Ability
- b. Balance and Design
- c. Overall Appearance
- d. Safety and sanitation
- e. Written Theme
- f. Oral Communication
- f. Clean-up

Special Information for Contestants:

- a. No cell phones or flash photography of any kind on the contest floor during the Contest (pictures and video will be allowed after the contest)