

Prepared Speech Helps

- Topic: Our Time is Now – Use [this link](#) for ideas (look at the section labeled “Competition Theme”)
- Make sure you have completed your online Professional Development test prior to this competition!
- Don’t forget your one-page resume!
- Pre-contest meeting: March 23, 2023 at 5:30 pm at the SLCC Redwood campus.
- Contest: Call back times will begin at 7:00 pm

Type	Skill Description	MAX Score
Standard	Opening - Appearance	75
Standard	Opening - Introduction	50
Standard	Voice	100
Standard	Platform Deportment	100
Standard	Organization	200
Standard	Mechanics	100
Standard	Closing	150
Standard	Effectiveness	200
Standard		0
Standard		0
Standard		0
Standard	Professional Development Test	25
Penalty	Time	-50
Penalty	Clothing	-10
Penalty	Other Penalties	-50
Penalty	Resume Penalty	-10
Tie Breaker	Organization	1
Tie Breaker	Effectiveness	1
Tie Breaker	Closing	1

CLASS A: SKILLSUSA ATTIRE

- Official SkillsUSA red blazer or official SkillsUSA red jacket
- Button-up, collared, white dress shirt (accompanied by a plain, solid black tie or SkillsUSA black tie), white shirt (collarless or small-collared) or white turtleneck, with any collar not to extend into the lapel area of the blazer, sweater, windbreaker or jacket
- Black dress slacks or black dress skirt (knee-length at minimum)
- Black dress shoes

Note: The official SkillsUSA windbreaker, sweater and black Carhartt jacket are no longer available for purchase in the SkillsUSA Store. However, these clothing items are grandfathered in as previous official SkillsUSA clothing and can be worn in SkillsUSA competitions as directed in this document.

Note: Wearing socks or hose is no longer required. If worn, socks must be black dress socks and hose must be either black or skin-tone and seamless/nonpattern.

