

LEADERSHIP ESSAY

(Missouri only Contest)

Purpose

To evaluate each contestant's ability to write an essay on an assigned topic with a minimum of advance preparation and to recognize outstanding students for excellence and professionalism in essay writing skills.

First, refer to General Regulations

Clothing Requirements

SkillsUSA blazer, sweater, or windbreaker and accompanying official SkillsUSA Attire.

Eligibility

Open to active SkillsUSA members.

Equipment and Materials

1. Supplied by the technical committee:
 - a. Tables and chairs.
 - b. Copies of the selected essay.
 - c. Clock and Time Cards as required.
 - d. All necessary information and furnishings for the judges and technical committee.
2. Supplied by the Contestant:
 - a. 8 1/2" X 11" Ruled writing paper.
 - b. Ballpoint pens or sharpened pencils.
 - c. Collegiate Dictionary and Thesaurus.
 - d. Current SkillsUSA Leadership Handbook.

Scope of Contest

1. The essay topic and type of essay will be provided on the day of the contest. The topic will be chosen from the current SkillsUSA Leadership Handbook, National Theme, employability skills or leadership skills. The type of essay will be one of the following:
 - a. Descriptive
 - b. Informative
 - c. Narrative
 - d. Persuasive
 - e. Problem-solution
 - f. Opinion
2. Essays must be written in longhand and cannot exceed 1000 words.
3. The writing time at the district level will consist of two hours and at the state level three hours.
4. The essay should include a title page that includes the following information:
 - a. The student's name.
 - b. The student's home.
 - c. School Name
 - d. Instructor's Name.
 - e. Title of the essay.
5. Prior to the judging, the contest chair will remove the title pages and identify the essays by contestant #.

Note: No national competition is available for this event.

