



## **CONTEST INFORMATION FOR T-SHIRT DESIGN (PRESENTATION)**

This document is provided to help competitors understand the process of how the contest works. It contains answers to commonly asked questions, what a competitor can expect to happen during the contest, and the process.

### **Supplied by the Contestant**

- Artwork submission on 8.5”x11” print, submitted during contest orientation.**
- Red SkillsUSA Official 3-Ring Binder with supporting materials for the presentation**
- Printed t-shirt for display**  
Displays will need to be set up on Thursday between 1:00–1:30 p.m. A t-shirt stand will be provided to display the printed shirt. Display will be taken with the student after presenting, or may be left and picked up later in the afternoon, by 4 p.m.
- Resume**—Uploaded prior to competition (see [www.SkillsUSAMo.org](http://www.SkillsUSAMo.org) for details)

### **Clothing Requirement**

Students should wear the official SkillsUSA attire as listed in the Technical Standards.

### **Contest Timeline**

**Date:** Thursday, March 30

**Time:** 1:30 P.M.—Completion (*estimated time is 4:00 p.m.*)

#### **Estimated Timeline:**

##### **THURSDAY**

1:00–1:30	Setup display of T-Shirt design
1:30–2:00	Attendance; resumes collected, contest briefing; introduction of judges
2:00–?	Contest begins; students wait in the hallway commons area

## **What to Expect During the Contest**

There are TWO components to the actual contest:

- Visual Presentation of TShirt design
- Oral Presentation

**The Oral Presentation component of the contest** is a 5–7 minute presentation that the student gives in front of the judges about their TShirt design. Students should follow the Technical Standards as to what their presentation should cover.

**The Display component of the contest** is a display of your TShirt design to the public and supporting notebook.

## **How the Contest Works**

Students will place their t-shirts on the provided displays in the hallway area outside the contest rooms. There is 30 minutes given to set up displays after the Opening Ceremony. All displays need to be set up for public viewing by 1:30 p.m.

Students will report to the contest briefing location. The TShirt and Pin Design contests both are held in the same room for the contest briefing. Students need to be in appropriate dress during the contest briefing. Numbers will be drawn to determine the order to present—regardless if someone wants to go first or last. A brief overview will be discussed on how the timers work, and the procedure of coming into the room and getting setup, etc. The judges will then be introduced. Students will have the opportunity to ask any questions at this point.

Students are released to wait in the hallway seating area, just outside the contest rooms. Contest coordinator(s) will be sitting in chairs outside the doorways of both rooms. When judges signal they are ready, the coordinator(s) will call the first presenters. The presenters will enter the judging area into the appropriate room with everything they need to give their presentation. Students will bring their display into the presentation room.

### **A few quick responses to common questions during the contest:**

- Draw numbers to determine order to present.
- Resumes should be uploaded prior to state contest.
- Submit your Artwork Printout during orientation.
- Once you present you may be dismissed.
- Displays can stay up until 4 p.m.

*See the complete list of commonly asked questions from previous contest years at the end of this document (pages 6-7).*

## General Info • Helpful Things You Need to Know

- ★ **A timer is available for contestants to start/stop.** There will be a timer that will be available for the contestant to start when he/she is ready to begin and stop when finished with their presentation. This is how they handle the timer situation at nationals. If a student feels the timer causes nervousness, then the timer can be controlled by the judges.
- ★ **LOGO AND EMBLEM CAN NOT BE IN DESIGN!** In the past the logo and emblem were approved to use in designs however in the current Technical Standards it states these items can NOT be used.

## Clothing Requirement

Students should wear the official SkillsUSA attire as listed in the Technical Standards. No exceptions. Please see the state website for more information.

## Commonly Asked Questions from Previous Years

Q: *What time do we need to arrive on Thursday?*

A: Setup your display in the tables in the hallways on Thursday between 1:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. All displays need to be set up by 1:30 p.m. so we can begin the contest briefing.

Q: *Do we see the timer or how will we know when time is up during our presentation?*

A: A timer will be available for the student to start/stop. If the student feels the timer makes him/her uncomfortable or nervous, then the timer can be operated by the judges.

Q: *Who will go first; can I volunteer to go first?*

A: We have wooden bingo chips that students will draw numbers from.

Q: *Can my advisor (or another representative from my school) come into the contest room during the contest to take my photograph?*

A: It is best that photographs be taken from outside the contest room. The room has large windows that an advisor can easily snap a picture (no flash, please).

Q: *What if I arrive at the contest late?*

A: Sometimes there are circumstances out of your control, and that is understandable. For instance, one year at state there was a horrible car accident and the highway was shut down for about 30 minutes, thus causing a lot of students to be late for their skill contest on Friday morning. However, this contest is scheduled to begin 30 minutes after Opening Ceremony, therefore a student should have plenty of time to arrive at the contest area, dressed appropriately.

Q: *Can I change into my SkillsUSA Official Dress after the contest briefing?*

A: No. You are expected to arrive to contest, dressed and ready to go—just as you would show up for a meeting/presentation in the real world of work—dressed and ready to go!

Q: *After I give my presentation, may I leave—am I done?*

A: Yes. After you have given your presentation you will be officially released from the contest.

Q: *When do I need to teardown my display?*

A: Displays should be taken down on Thursday after your presentation. Students who present early and wish to walk around the campus for a while may leave their display setup until it's time for them to board their school bus to leave. Please leave your area neat and clean and dispose of any trash in appropriate bins. All displays need to be cleared out by 4:00 p.m.