Prepared Speech

CHAIR: Linda K. Puls, Toastmasters International

CO-CHAIR: Kent Thomas, Alumni

CONTEST DATE: April 29, 2020

CONTEST LOCATION: Fairgrounds: 4-H Centennial Building

CONTEST TIME: 1:00 pm

PURPOSE: To evaluate each contestant's ability to prepare and present clearly and effectively a series of thoughts relating to a central theme.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to active SkillsUSA members.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENT: For Men: Official blazer, or jacket; black dress slacks; white dress shirt; plain black tie with no pattern or the SkillsUSA black tie; black socks and black shoes.

For Women: Official blazer, or jacket; black dress slacks or knee-length skirt with businesslike white, collarless blouse or white blouse with small, plain collar that may not extend onto the lapels of the blazer; black sheer or skin-tone seamless hose and black dress shoes.

Official attire

CONTEST UPDATES: For contest guidelines refer to the Technical Standards.

NOTES FROM CHAIR: Writing out your speech will help you perfect it. Obtaining evaluations from others will help you improve and give you the opportunity to practice. Practicing your speech will give you confidence and help you remain poised during the delivery.

Theme: The SkillsUSA competition theme for the 2019-2020 is:

SkillsUSA: Champions at Work I'm Ready

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The topic to be addressed by contestants in the **Chapter Display**, **Prepared Speech** and **Promotional Bulletin Board** competitions is how our theme, "SkillsUSA: Champions at Work, I'm Ready," addresses the SkillsUSA program of work in the area of professional development.

Within this topic, contestants might illustrate or discuss any of the following:

1. What does "I'm Ready" mean to you in relation to career readiness?
2. How do you feel that SkillsUSA has prepared you to be ready for the next steps in your career preparation?
3. In what specific ways has SkillsUSA prepared you to be ready?
4. How is the SkillsUSA Framework of developing personal, workplace and technical skills central to the idea of being ready for employment?
5. How are you ready with the personal skills needed for career success?
6. How are you ready with the workplace skills needed for career success?
7. How are you ready with the technical skills needed for career success?
8. What can you specifically point to within your career and technical education program that has prepared you to be ready?
9. When you state "I'm Ready" to someone, what are the specific skills that you have to back up that statement?
10. How do you continue to be ready for career success with quickly developing advances in technology and business practices?

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