



Prepared Speech



Date	February 14, 2025 Snow Date – February 18, 2025	Orientation Time	10:45 a.m. (CLOSED to instructors)
Location	Vantage Career Center 818 N. Franklin Street Van Wert, OH 45891	Contest Time	Immediately Following Orientation (CLOSED contest)
Scope of Contest	<p>This competition assesses public speaking skills through delivery of a five- to seven-minute speech.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The topic for the prepared speech has been established by SkillsUSA. This year the topic is <i>“SkillsUSA: Ignite Your Potential”</i>. • The speech will be five to seven minutes in length. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalty: Five points will be deducted for each 30 seconds or fraction thereof under five minutes, or for each 30 seconds or fraction thereof over seven minutes. • Time limit: Time will be started when the speech begins. The timer will signal the speaker at five minutes and at seven minutes. The competitor will be permitted to use a watch or clock. • No visual aids, props, notes and/or notecards will be permitted. • Competitors will not mention their name, school, city or state at any time in the presentation room. A five-point penalty will be assessed for each occurrence. 		
Testing	No		
Eligibility	1 contestant for every 500 paid members		
Clothing	Clothing Classification Guide: CLASS A		
Provided by Contestant	Professional Resume – typed hardcopy Emergency Medical Form (Contestants must have this to compete)		
	Contest Skilled Performance Standards PS 1.0 - Design and write an effective presentation based upon the designed theme. PS 2.0 - Deliver the presentation in a professional manner, employing the use of verbal and nonverbal delivery techniques. PS 3.0 - Wear appropriate clothing for the regional contest.	Aligned ODEW Career Field Technical Content Standard Outcomes CTE 1.1 Employability Skills CTE 1.2 Leadership and Communications CTE 1.4 Knowledge of Management and Information Technology CTE 1.5 Global Environment CTE 1.6 Business Literacy CTE 1.10 Sales and Marketing	