

Prepared Speech State Contest Information

DATE, TIME and LOCATION The State SkillsUSA Prepared Speech contests will be held on **Sunday, April 23**, at the Hyatt Regency Tulsa. **There will not be a contestant meeting.**

All contestants need to report to the Tulsa Ballroom by 12:00 noon.

Contests will begin at approximately 12:00 noon in the following rooms of the Tulsa Hyatt Regency Tulsa:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXAM Job Skill Demonstration contestants will take a Professional Development test online **March 15 – April 7**. Check the website for more information regarding online testing.

Action Skill contestants will be exempt from taking the Professional Development test.

CONTESTANT RESUME All contestants will be required to submit a one page, typed resume. If any contestant does not submit a resume to the contest chair, penalty points will be assessed.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS National clothing requirements are not required for Oklahoma Occupational Skill Contests, therefore students will not be penalized for clothing. However, clean work clothes OR official SkillsUSA attire are appropriate for Job Skill Demonstration and Action Skill contests.

AWARDS CEREMONY Contest winners will be recognized at the Opening General Session on **Monday, April 24**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Tulsa Convention Center Grand Hall. Official SkillsUSA attire is required! According to the SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards - official clothing requirements are as follows: "*For men:* SkillsUSA official attire: Official red blazer or jacket, black dress slacks, white dress shirt, plain black tie with no pattern or SkillsUSA tie, black socks and black shoes. *For women:* Official red blazer or jacket, black dress slacks or skirt (knee length), with businesslike white, collarless blouse or white blouse with small, plain collar that may not extend onto the lapels of the blazer, and black shoes."

Any contest winner who is not in official SkillsUSA attire will not be permitted on stage. The student will be escorted behind the stage to receive his or her medallion and awards.

Should additional information be needed, please call Emily Goff at 405-743-5143 or 405-919-9223 or e-mail her at emily.goff@careertech.ok.gov.