

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

GENERAL CONTEST RULES:

This contest will be an individual event. **The contestant must be a current 9th or 10th grade student.** The student will compete through a written examination over grammar and spelling. The contestant will be given a 75-item multiple-choice test.

All contestants will take the PDP test and this score will be used in the event of a tie. Contestants will submit a resume.

PURPOSE:

To test student's competency and accuracy in using basic grammar and spelling skills.

ELIGIBILITY:

Open to one active 9th or 10th grade SkillsUSA member per chapter.

SUBMISSION:

Contestant will take an onsite test.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS:

For Men:

Official red blazer or jacket, black dress slacks, white dress shirt, plain black tie with no pattern or SkillsUSA black tie, black socks, and black shoes OR Professional/Business Dress.

For Women:

Official red blazer or jacket, black dress slacks or 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 hose, and black shoes OR Professional/Business Dress.

AWARDS:

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. The winner of this contest does not advance to the National SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

1. Written Test – 100%

SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. *The following group of words contain **three** misspelled words. Mark the correctly spelled word.*
(A) bookeeper (B) hitchiker (C) pasttime (D) roommate
2. *Mark (A) if the punctuation in the sentence is correct.
Mark (B) if the punctuation is incorrect.*

The letter from Ms. E J Hunter was dated Fri, Nov. 12.

3. *Mark the letter of the verb that correctly completes the sentence.*

Firefighters _____ their lives to save others.

- (A) risk
- (B) risks
- (C) risking

4. *Mark the letter of the modifier that correctly completes the sentence.*

The changes in the moon's appearance take place because the moon travels _____ around the earth than the earth travels around the sun.

- (A) quicker
- (B) quicklier
- (C) more quickly
- (D) most quickly

5. *Mark the letter of the sentence with the correctly-placed modifying phrase. The modifying phrases are in bold.*

- (A) Mrs. Chu gives the sculptures to her friends **that she carves**.
- (B) Mrs. Chu gives the sculptures **that she carves** to her friends.

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Items Evaluated	Possible Points																		
Written Test																			
A 75 item written examination over grammar and spelling	100																		
Subtotal Points	100																		
Point Deduction																			
Dress Code Violation	-25																		
Total Points																			