



Student Project Showcase

Purpose

The purpose of the Student Project Showcase is to allow students who will be completing their focused program of study during a given membership year to present an example of their work. The work presented is a culminating project representing the student's focus area of study.

Clothing Requirement

Tennessee SkillsUSA does not maintain a clothing requirement except as required by safety.

Eligibility

The Student Project Showcase event is open to any SkillsUSA member who is a program completer during the academic year of the event. The event may include one, two or three students per project entered.

Observers

Observers will not be present during the set-up time or during the actual judging. Showcases may be viewed during the time the contest floor is open for observers.

Equipment and Materials

Tennessee SkillsUSA will provide the physical space for each showcase and one table (if requested) per contestant. An electric connection will be provided.

Supplied by Contestant

All aspects of the showcase will be provided by the contestant except for what is listed under equipment and materials.

Scope of the Contest

1. The Student Project Showcase event allows SkillsUSA members who are completing their program of study to demonstrate an example of their work. The event may have 1-3 competitors per project.
2. The showcase must be designed and constructed by a student(s) who was/were enrolled during the same school year they present.
3. Projects presented shall adhere to the Course Standards established by the Tennessee Department of Education. Course standards may be accessed at: http://www.tennessee.gov/education/cte/standardscurr/ti_1011.shtml.
4. Electronic Preliminary Presentation: By a date established annually by the state office contestants will provide a DVD or other electronic media presenting the concept of the project. To go on to state competition, a contestant's score for the preliminary presentation must be at least 240 of the possible 300 points (80%). The score earned for the preliminary presentation will carry into the Championships judging. The criteria for the preliminary presentation includes:
 - a. Student will describe the project and how it conforms to the theme.
 - b. Student will explain the process that he/she followed to determine the scope and design of the project.
 - c. Student will state the purpose and educational value of the project.
 - d. Student will discuss the benefits of the project to the chapter members.
 - e. Student will demonstrate speaking skills to include variances of pitch, tempo, volume and enthusiasm.
 - f. Student will demonstrate mechanics as in diction, grammar, pronunciation and enunciation.
 - g. Students' conclusion (wrap-up) to the presentation.

5. The contestant will bring a 1" official SkillsUSA three-ring binder containing pictures, design sketches and drawings, and a brief description of the purpose in relation to the theme, educational value, development and construction of the showcase. The notebook will be used as a visual aid in helping the contestant inform the judges about the project.
6. Verification: A letter, signed by the local school administrator certifying that the display was designed and constructed by student(s), must be included as the first page of the notebook.
7. The notebook shall be limited to 10 pages (20 surfaces).
8. The notebook shall be submitted to the SkillsUSA Headquarters during conference registration, no later than 9:00 am on Monday of the conference.
9. The showcase may use references to state, city or school, if appropriate, without penalty.
10. If showcases use electronic equipment, surge protectors should be installed by the contestant. The SkillsUSA state office cannot be responsible for current surges. Consider using a power strip with circuit breaker for 110-volt power. that have electrical/electronic Projects should be designed so that they can be activated and deactivated with one switch and clearly marked so the judges may operate it safely.
11. Showcase entries may not use gas or water.
12. Entrants will complete the Student Project Showcase planning form and submit it to the state office with the electronic presentation. The registration form shall not be included in the notebook.
13. The registration form shall include, but not be limited to: member's personal information, (name, school, contact information), cluster, program of study, brief description of project, size of project, need of a table/electricity, etc.
14. Projects will be brought to the contest area during the time frame established for set-up. Each contestant will check in with the contest chair upon arrival and follow any directions given.
15. Projects will be set-up in the area designated by the contest chair. The competitor(s) and a maximum of two student helpers will be eligible to complete the set-up of the showcase. Individual competitors may have up to two helpers for set-up. Competitors who are in pairs may have one helper for set-up. Competitors who are teams of three must conduct set-up themselves. The showcases must be set up by students.
16. Set-up shall be completed within a one hour time frame.
17. Competitors are to remain with their showcase from completion of set-up until dismissed by the contest chairman.
18. Advisors are not to enter the setup area except to move in the showcase.
19. Contestants and helpers must obtain passes for entry into the contest area. Access to the contest floor is limited to the Student Project Showcase area only.
20. Advisors and helpers are required to exit the contest area no later than the time identified as the end of the set-up period.
21. Contestants will participate in an interview with the event judges. The interview shall be comprised of a presentation followed by questions and answers.
22. In the interview presentation the contestant(s) will:
 - describe the project;
 - explain the development of the project;
 - explain how it relates to their field of study;
 - explain how the project was conceived and developed; and,
 - share any problems that occurred in the process.

23. For the interview the contestant(s) shall be dressed in official SkillsUSA dress, business professional attire or attire appropriate to the field of study.
24. Showcase materials will be available for viewing during the time the Championships floor is open to observers. Showcase projects will not be open to observers while the event is being judged.
25. All projects must be removed from the Championships floor during the time designated for tear-down. Projects removed before the designated tear-down time will be disqualified. SkillsUSA will not be responsible for showcases that have not been removed from the exhibit area by the designated time.
26. Each member chapter may enter into the preliminary judging a maximum of one project for each cluster area taught at that school. The Clusters are defined as:
- Architecture and Construction
 - Arts, A/V Technology, & Communication
 - Government & Public Administration
 - Hospitality and Tourism
 - Human Services
 - Information Technology
 - Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security
 - Manufacturing
 - Transportation

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Preliminary Rating Sheet

Cluster: _____

Preliminary Electronic Presentation Items Evaluated	Points Possible	Showcase Number									
Creativity	75										
Originality	75										
Process	75										
Student Designed and Developed	75										
Total Score	300										

Preliminary Score transferred to event rating sheet

Student Project Showcase Project Rating Sheet

Cluster: _____

Items Evaluated	Showcase Number										
	Points Possible										
Notebook:											
Verification Letter	25										
Explanation of project	25										
Development planning for project	25										
Photos of project development	25										
Maximum 20 surfaces	25										
Official SkillsUSA notebook	25										
Interview:											
Professionalism of Presentation	50										
Involvement in Project	50										
Originality of Project	50										
Knowledge and Understanding	50										
Creativity	50										
Questions and Answers	100										
Project:											
Conformity to State Standards	50										
Creativity and Originality	50										
Quality of Work	100										
Preliminary Score	300										
Total points	1000										

Student Project Showcase Planning Form

Note: A complete planning form is to be submitted for each showcase with the preliminary DVD.

Title of Project: _____

Cluster: _____

Competitor 1: _____

Competitor 2: _____

Competitor 3: _____

School: _____ School System: _____

Advisor: _____ Advisor email: _____

Is a 6' table needed? Yes No

Will the Showcase fit within a 10 x 10 space Yes No

Does this Showcase need electricity? Yes No

Will you have helpers to set-up the Showcase Yes How many? No

Additional information:

Advisor Signature: _____