



Customer Service

ELIGIBILITY

Open to active SkillsUSA members.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS

For men: Official red blazer, windbreaker-style jacket or sweater; black dress slacks; white dress shirt; plain black tie with no pattern or SkillsUSA black tie from Midwest Trophy; black socks and black shoes.

For women: Official red blazer or windbreaker-style jacket or sweater; 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.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS SUPPLIED BY HOST

1. Workspace with table, chair, computer, telephone and customer reception area
2. Flip chart and markers
3. Telephone log, telephone directory

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS SUPPLIED BY CONTESTANT

1. All students must have a one-page, typewritten résumé
2. Pencil and ballpoint pen
3. Paper (legal pad or spiral notebook)
4. Calculator (non programmable)- no cell phones permitted

SCOPE OF THE CONTEST - (DEFINED BY THE NATIONAL COMPETITION REGULATIONS)

(District Competitions are meant to be a scaled down version of National Competition. It is important for the students to participate in a competition that will reflect a cross-section of the industry skills needed to prepare them for the state and national levels)

Evaluate each contestant's preparation for employment and to recognize outstanding students for excellence and professionalism in the field of customer service.

KNOWLEDGE PERFORMANCE

The contest involves a written knowledge test. Knowledge of the competencies outlined below will be assessed during the written knowledge test. Written assessments may also be given during the skill performance portion of the contest.

SKILL PERFORMANCE

The contest involves live, role-playing situations which demonstrate the ability to perform customer service skills selected from the following list of standards and competencies as determined by the SkillsUSA Championships technical committee.



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CONTEST GUIDELINES

1. Each contestant will be given the same scenario(s) and the same amount of time. Total time will be 15 to 20 minutes.
2. Contestants will be required to attend an orientation meeting where a written test will be given. At this meeting, contestants will draw for reporting times.
3. Contestants should expect to use any of the aspects of the skills listed in "Standards and Competencies." A scenario may involve multiple situations occurring simultaneously (e.g., one customer may be engaged in a telephone conversation with the contestant while another customer is walking through the door for face-to-face interaction).
4. Judges will serve in the role of the customer(s).

Items Evaluated	Possible Points	Contestants Score
Written Test	50 (2 points each)	
Role Play - Scenario 1	160	
Role Play - Scenario 2	160	
	Subtotal = 370	
Resume (Deduction)	-10	
Clothing (Deduction)	-5	
	TOTAL	

Note: No cell phones or other electronic devices may be used at any time during a competition; this includes using a calculator function on a cell phone for competitions in which calculators are permitted.

Note: Scorecards should only be used as guidance. Changes may occur.