



COSMETOLOGY 500

PURPOSE

To evaluate each competitor's preparation for employment and to recognize outstanding students for excellence and professionalism in the field of cosmetology.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to active SkillsUSA members enrolled in programs with Cosmetology as an occupational objective. The competitor **may not exceed** 500 hours as of our State Leadership and Skills Conference in April 2024.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS

Official SkillsUSA attire minus red jacket **OR** school uniform is acceptable. School names need to be covered up on uniforms.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

The SkillsUSA Technical Committee and Judges are released from all responsibility relating to personal injury resulting from the use of the equipment and tools. Contestants will be removed from competition if they are using the equipment or tools in an unsafe manner.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS SUPPLIED BY HOST

1. Stations, mirrors, and styling chairs
2. Cloth and paper towels
3. Any and all photos of the haircut and style portion of the competition
4. long hair mannequins
5. mannequin clamp

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS SUPPLIED BY CONTESTANT

1. All students must have a one-page, typewritten resume.
2. Cutting shears
3. Texturizing shears
4. Razor and a spare blade
5. Thermal tools necessary for completing mannequin styles
6. Mannequin to perform haircut on. Gabriela 560 from Burmax
7. Pre-set long mannequin. Pre-set may include wet sets, thermal sets, and/or hot rollers. Pre-set may not include braiding or hair twisting. **Braiding and twisting may only be performed during the competition as a component of the style.**
8. Cape for draping mannequin
9. Blow dryer
10. Styling products of your choice
11. Combs and brushes
12. Spray bottle (filled with water)



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13. Hair clips
14. Blood Spill Kit

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)

The contest is defined by industry standards as identified by the SkillsUSA technical committee.

KNOWLEDGE PERFORMANCE

The contest will include a skill-related written knowledge test of 25 multiple choice questions assessing familiar knowledge of a student with under 500 cosmetology hours. Competitors have 20 minutes to take the test. These topics could include property of hair and scalp, infection control, basic color theory, styling (including principles of hair design), basic manicuring, facials, and basic chemical services. The reference books are Milady Standard Cosmetology Textbook (2022 edition) and Pivot Point International Cosmetology Exam Prep book (2016 edition).

SKILL PERFORMANCE

Skills performance test will assess a contestant with under 500 hours in cosmetology in haircutting/styling and long hair design (up style). Each portion of the contest will have specific time limitations. Creativity is assessed in the long hair design portion of the contest. The haircutting/styling is assessing the recreation of a woman's haircut/style from a photograph chosen by the host school and/or contest judges.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

All contestants **MUST** keep their work area clean and organized

- A. All contestants must follow sanitation and safety guidelines throughout the entire contest.
- B. Professional attitude and communication is expected throughout the contest.
- C. Once time is called, contestants **MUST** stop working. Touching the hair of the mannequins after time has ended will result in penalty points.
- D. For the long hair design portion of the contest, no ornaments or hair pieces are allowed.
- E. Pre-cutting or coloring of any mannequins is **NOT** permitted. Altering of long hair mannequin in any way is prohibited. If it is determined by the judges and/or District 2 Board that a mannequin has been altered, the student will be disqualified from the contest. The school will be responsible for reimbursing the cost of mannequin to host school or District 2 SkillsUSA.
- F. Due to transporting of mannequins, curling irons/flat irons may be used during the up style portion of the competition for touch ups only. This will be included within the time restraints of the competition.



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The skill contest will consist of the following:

1. **Woman's Cut and Style** (1 hour 15 minutes)
 - a. Duplicate a predetermined haircut and style which has been selected by the host school and/or the contest judges.
 - b. Complete the haircut, blow dry and style within a specific time period.
 - c. Styling products and styling tools of contestant's choice may be used.
2. **Long Hair (up style) design** (1 hour 15 minutes)
 - a. Complete a up style on a pre-set mannequin within a specific time period
 - b. Contestants will be scored on attention to detail (bobby pins showing as an example), smoothness, balance (form, space, line), and originality/creativity.



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COS 500 SCORING SHEET

Items Evaluated	Description	Possible Points
Computerized Knowledge Test		25
Attention to detail	Bobby pins, showing, product choice, etc.	35
Smoothness		50
Balanced	Form, space, line	50
Originality/creativity		40
Haircut and style		–
	Haircut is even/balanced throughout cut	80
	Haircut is recreated to match provided photo	60
	Style is recreated to match provided phono	40
	Safely used tools during the cut and style	20
	Subtotal = 400	
No Resume	Deduction -10	
Clothing Penalty	Dedication -10	
	TOTAL	

Note: No cell phones or other electronic devices, no wearable 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. No restroom or competition holding areas either.

Penalties for Prohibited Devices:

If a competitor's electronic device makes noise or if the competitor is seen using it at any time during the competition, an official report will be documented for review by the SkillsUSA District 2 Board. If it is confirmed that the competitor used the device during the competition, the competitor's scores will be canceled.

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