



**SkillsUSA California  
Prepared Speech  
2017 Regional Contest**

**Description:**

Contestants will compete as an individual. The contestant will create a speech, no more than 5 - 7 minutes in length using the current theme for SkillsUSA. The current theme for the 2016-2017 year is: **“SkillsUSA: Champions at Work Preparing America’s Skilled Workforce.”**

All contestants are required to be in the official dress of SkillsUSA. The official dress is as follows:

**Official Attire for Men:**

- Red SkillsUSA blazer, windbreaker or sweater
- White dress shirt
- Plain solid black tie
- Black dress slacks
- Black dress shoes

**Official Attire for Women:**

- Red SkillsUSA blazer, windbreaker or sweater
- White collarless or small-collared blouse or white turtleneck (Collar must not extend over the blazer lapel or the sweater or windbreaker)
- Black dress skirt (knee-length) or black dress slacks
- Black shoes

**Materials Required by Contestants:**

1. Resume
2. SkillsUSA Official Dress

**Scoring Guidelines:**

<b>Judging Categories</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>Opening</b>	150
<b>Voice</b>	100
<b>Speech Delivery</b>	400
<b>Closing</b>	150
<b>Effectiveness</b>	200

**Judging Penalties:**

1. Non-Official Dress
2. No Resume
3. Time Penalty