



**Cosmetology
(CO)**
Food, Hospitality, & Human Services

Skilled and Technical Sciences Contests
Contest Information

State Qualifying Exam: Yes

National Contest: Yes

Participation: Individual

Contest Description

Students demonstrate their skills in haircutting, hair styling and long hair design in four separate tests. All work is performed on mannequins. A display of creativity is seen in the long hair segment of the competition, where these future salon professionals demonstrate their own design skills.

Tasks To Be Evaluated

- Female picture cut and style
- Male picture cut and style
- 90/90 uniform layer haircut and style
- Long hair up-do competition style
- Written exam
- Oral interview with scenario
- Professional, one-page resume (turn in during meeting on Thursday evening)

Clothing Requirement

National Requirement:

- For men: Official SkillsUSA white dress shirt, black dress slacks, black socks and black leather work or dress shoes.
- For women: Official white top, black dress slacks, black socks or black or skin-tone hose, and black leather, work or dress shoes. Note: A white cosmetology smock can be worn with the white dress shirt for men or white top for women.

State Requirement:

- For men: White dress shirt (plain or SkillsUSA), black tie (plain or SkillsUSA), black dress slacks and closed-toed black leather work shoes or dress shoes
- For women: White collarless blouse, black dress pants, black socks (or black or nude hose), and closed-toed black leather work shoes or dress shoes, white SkillsUSA Cosmetology Smock (optional)

Items not allowed according to the uniform guidelines –

- Cream or ivory tops.
- Tops that reveal cleavage, shoulders, armpits, stomach or backside skin. Tops that are see-through will require a white camisole or shell worn underneath.
- Yoga pants, leggings or black jeans.
- Shoes that are canvas, suede, glittery, or embellished.
- Shoes that are not solid black.
- Shoes that resemble a "TOMS" style of shoe. These are not supportive work or dressy shoes.
- High heels are discouraged due to the discomfort of working on a concrete floor. A small heel would be acceptable.

Supplies Provided by Technical Committee

- one female manikin (new)
- one male manikin (new)
- one long hair manikin (will reuse from last year)
- manikin stand

Supplies Provided by Contestant

- Cutting shears
- Thinning shears
- Razor and spare blade
- Clipper
- Flat iron and/or curling iron
- Blow dryer
- Professional styling products (not over-the-counter)
- Combs and brushes
- Spray bottle filled with water
- Towel
- Rollers (no brush or Velcro rollers)
- Clipper and hair clips

Additional Information

- Study the difference between competition long hair styling and prom/wedding hair.
- Be familiar with the 90/90 uniform-layer haircut. This portion of the competition is judged by the procedure steps versus the end results.
- Kit assembly, proper resume procedure, and uniform guidelines should be followed to avoid penalties.
- Students should bring lunch money for the concession stand.