

## Official Updates Notice 2010 SkillsUSA Championships

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### New updates included in this notice.

- Briefing Meetings – new procedure
- Computer Programming
- Cosmetology (over 500 hours)
- Pre-School Teaching Assistant
- Photography (photos required)
- Transportation Service Trades
  - ◆ Automotive Service Tech
  - ◆ Diesel Equipment Tech
  - ◆ Marine Service Tech

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### Reminder of previous updates.

- Photography: uniform update on March 22, 2010 (see technical standards at [www.maskillsusa.org](http://www.maskillsusa.org))
- All Health Occupations Events: uniform update on March 22, 2010 (see technical standards at [www.maskillsusa.org](http://www.maskillsusa.org))
- Power Equipment Technology: Scope of contest update on March 24, 2010 (see technical standards at [www.maskillsusa.org](http://www.maskillsusa.org))

## Official Updates

### Briefing Meetings – Thursday evening, April 29, 2010:

- ◆ It very important to note: Advisors will **NOT** be allowed to attend contestant-briefing meetings **EXCEPT** Action Skills and Employment Skills Application. This restriction is due to the severe space limitations. Series Directors will be available at the conclusion of all briefing meetings to answer any additional questions from Advisors.

### Computer Programming:

- ◆ It is very important to make sure that all the contestants and their teachers have seen the previous years contests. The information has been posted at <http://sp.4square.us/4Square/SkillsUSA/default.aspx>
- ◆ It's also important to know that all contestants should be using the latest version of Visual Basic. The Express Version is available for free at <http://www.microsoft.com/express/Downloads/#2008-Visual-Basic>
- ◆ Older version are OK to use but the contestant will be at a disadvantage since each version gets easier?

### Cosmetology (over 500 hours):

- ◆ Contestants are NOT required to bring a portable hair dryer. Hand held blow dryers ARE required.

### Pre-School Teaching Assistant:

- ◆ Lesson Plan updated. See attached. A new copy was e-mailed to each participating Chapter and is attached.

**Photography:** Contestants are reminded that they must bring two photographs (prints) minimum of 11"x14" or 154 sq in. mounted to 16"x20". Black or white matting. The prints are to be brought to the contest site on Friday April 30, 2010.

**Transportation Service Trades B: CLARIFICATION – NO portfolios only pertains to Auto Service Technology, Diesel Equipment Technology and Marine Service Technology**

- ◆ Contestants are **NOT** required to bring a portfolio in Auto Service, Marine Service and Diesel Equipment Technology

**Transportation Service Trades A: CLARIFICATION – Portfolios are required for these events**

If you have not already visited our web site at [www.maskillsusa.org](http://www.maskillsusa.org) and downloaded the 2010 Requirements and Technical Standards, you should do that immediately. Please be sure all contestants and advisors get copies of the requirements as well as this memo.

Revised 4/6/10

**SkillsUSA Massachusetts**  
**Pre-School Teaching Assistant**  
**2010 State Competition**  
**Requirements and Scope of Contest**

**Purpose:**

**Nation/State Skills**

To evaluate contestant's ability to plan and present appropriate activities for pre-school children related to a specific theme and demonstrate a general knowledge of quality childcare.

**Major Project**

Students will select some type of seed (flower, fruit, plant, etc.) Students will do a presentation that will show a group of pre-school children (ages 4 & 5 years old. The different stages of growth from planting the seed to its complete development and how they would care for it as it grows.)

Students will do their presentation as it would be done in a pre-school setting before a panel of three judges.

**A LESSON PLAN WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THIS PROJECT**

Students will be allowed to bring one book for reference with them.

The students to create this project will supply any and all material.

The entire project will be done at the competition. Nothing is to be done prior to the competition.

The presentation should last 8 to 10 minutes. If the presentation is less than **8** minutes or longer than **10** minutes there will be a -50 point penalty.

In addition to the project there will be a 10 true or false question test. (100 points)

Students must bring a current Resume to the competition briefing. There will be a -50 point penalty for no resume.





5. Closing: Wrappig up the lesson

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