Review for SkillsUSA CTSO Test

Writing Skills

- All questions must be answered using complete sentences.
- This includes:
  - A noun
  - A verb
  - Capitalization
  - Punctuation

Annual Dues

- **Students will be able to write this from memory:**

- **The student annual dues for SkillsUSA is twenty dollars.**

Purpose

- **Students will be able to write this from memory:**

- **“The purpose of SkillsUSA is to prepare each member to become a leader in the world of work.”**

SkillsUSA Motto

- **Students will be able to write this from memory:**

- **The motto of SkillsUSA is "Preparing for leadership in the world of work."**

Theme

- **Students will be able to write this from memory:**

- **The SkillsUSA theme for the 2020-202 year is “SkillsUSA: Champions at Work, Empowered to Succeed!”**

Theme

- **The topic to be addressed by contestants in the Chapter Display, Prepared Speech and Promotional Bulletin Board competitions is how our theme, SkillsUSA: Champions at Work, addresses the SkillsUSA national program of work in the area of professional development.**

SkillsUSA Colors

- **Students will be able to write this from memory:**

- **“The colors red, white, blue and gold represent the national SkillsUSA organization.”**

SkillsUSA Colors

- **Red and white represent the individual states and chapters.**
- **Blue represents the common union of the states and of the chapters.**
- **Gold represents the individual, the most important element of the organization.**

SkillsUSA Logo

SkillsUSA

Champions at Work®

SkillsUSA Emblem

SkillsUSA Emblem

- **Students will be able to write this from memory:**

- **The SkillsUSA Emblem contains a shield, a gear, a torch, orbital circles, and two hands.**

Symbolism of the SkillsUSA Emblem

- **The shield represents patriotism**
  The shield denotes our belief in democracy, liberty and the American way of life.

Symbolism of the SkillsUSA Emblem

- **The gear represents the industrial society**
  The gear, symbolic of the industrial society, denotes the interdependence and cooperation of the individual working with labor and management for the betterment of mankind.

Symbolism of the SkillsUSA Emblem

- **The torch represents knowledge**
  The flaming torch reflects the light of knowledge, which dispels the darkness of ignorance. In the light of the torch, progress will be made toward the vocational goals of the individual.

Symbolism of the SkillsUSA Emblem

- **The orbital circles represent technology**
  The circles represent the challenge of modern technology and the training needed to accept and master the challenge of new technical frontiers and the need for continuous education.

Symbolism of the SkillsUSA Emblem

- **The hands represent the individual**
  The hands portray a search for knowledge and our desire to acquire a skill. In the process of attaining knowledge and skill, we will develop a respect for the dignity of work and become productive and responsible citizens.

SkillsUSA Creed

- Students will be able to write this from memory:
- “I believe in the dignity of work.
- I believe in the American way of life.
- I believe in education.
- I believe in fair play.
- I believe satisfaction is achieved by good work.
- I believe in high moral and spiritual standards.”

SkillsUSA Pledge

- Upon my honor, I pledge:
- To prepare myself by diligent study and ardent practice to become a worker whose services will be recognized as honorable by my employer and fellow workers.
- To base my expectations of reward upon the solid foundation of service.
- To honor and respect my vocation in such a way as to bring repute to myself.
- And further, to spare no effort in upholding the ideals of SkillsUSA.

History of SkillsUSA: 1965

- **The Vocational Industrial Clubs of America Inc. (VICA) was founded by students and teachers who were serious about their professions and saw the need for more training in the areas of leadership to complement their chosen vocation.**

History of SkillsUSA: 1965

- **In Nashville, Tennessee, 14 states were represented, as VICA chose its name, colors, motto, purposes and goals.**

History of SkillsUSA: 1965

- **Students will be able to write this from memory:**

- **SkillsUSA was established as VICA in 1965 by high school students in Tennessee.**

History of SkillsUSA: 1995

- In 1995, the national competition, then known as the United States Skill Olympics, was renamed to the SkillsUSA Championships during the NLSC.
- This new name would include more skills than just vocational and Industrial.

History of SkillsUSA: 1999 & 2002

- In 1999, during the NLSC, VICA was renamed to SkillsUSA-VICA.
- The name was shortened to SkillsUSA in 2002.

SkillsUSA National Office

- **Students will be able to write this from memory:**

- **“The national headquarters for SkillsUSA is in Leesburg, Virginia.”**

SkillsUSA Attire

- **Wearing the official SkillsUSA attire adds a sense of unity and identification, as well as enthusiasm, to meetings, ceremonies, presentations and activities.**

SkillsUSA Attire

- **Members are encouraged to strictly follow the guidelines for official attire during ceremonies, visits with dignitaries, officer campaigns and similar occasions.**

SkillsUSA Attire

- **Students will be able to list the components of the SkillsUSA official attire.**

- **The official SkillsUSA attire includes the SkillsUSA red blazer, a white dress shirt, black tie, black dress pants, black dress shoes, and black socks.**

Official Attire for women:

- **Red SkillsUSA blazer, windbreaker, sweater or black SkillsUSA jacket**
- **White collarless or small-collared blouse or white turtleneck, collar not to extend over the blazer lapel or the sweater, windbreaker or jacket**
- **Black dress skirt (knee-length) or black dress slacks**
- **Black sheer (not opaque) or skin-tone seamless hose**
- **Black dress shoes**

Official attire for men:

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