

SkillsUSA Events for

Cosmetology

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***FOR FULL CONTEST OUTLINES, PLEASE REFER TO THE STATE OR NATIONAL STANDARDS.**

***NATIONAL STANDARDS CAN ONLY BE ACCESSED BY INSTRUCTORS WHO HAVE A CURRENT PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP.**

Contest Name:	Cosmetology Over/Under 500 hours
Shop Alignment:	Cosmetology
Eligibility:	All Students
Contest Type:	Individual
In-House Competition:	YES
District Event:	YES—written test
State Event:	YES—skill based
National Event:	Under 500—No Over 500—YES—written, interview, and skill components

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Official Contest Description:

“Students will demonstrate their skills in haircutting, hair styling and long hair design in four separate tests. All work is performed on mannequins so everyone begins with the same model and the same type of hair. Contestants will create one 90 degree women’s haircut, one woman’s and one man’s cut from a finished photo. A display of creativity is seen in the long hair segment of the competition where these future salon professionals demonstrate their own design skills. A parade finale closes the contest with each contestant walking down the stage with their completed mannequins to present to the audience” (Contest Descriptions).

Source: “Contest Descriptions.” SkillsUSA, www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/contest-descriptions/.

Contest Name:	Esthetics
Shop Alignment:	Cosmetology
Eligibility:	All Students
Contest Type:	Individual* (Model required for States and Nationals only)
In-House Competition:	YES
District Event:	YES—written test
State Event:	YES—skill based Model—written test/career readiness
National Event:	YES—written, interview, and skill components

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Official Contest Description:

“The contestants are evaluated on their techniques and professionalism in the field of skin care. Contestants are tested in two different soft skill tasks including a written knowledge exam covering the fundamentals of skin care and oral professional presentation. Additionally, contestants are tested in four technical skill performance tasks consisting of a facial cleansing massage; basic facial; beauty makeup; and fantasy makeup applications. An emphasis on safety and infection control measures will be used in all segments of the skill performance areas” (Contest Descriptions).

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Contest Name:	Nail Care
Shop Alignment:	Cosmetology
Eligibility:	All Students
Contest Type:	Individual* (Model required for States and Nationals only)
In-House Competition:	YES
District Event:	YES—written test
State Event:	YES—skill based Model—written test/career readiness
National Event:	YES—written, interview, and skill components

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Official Contest Description:

“The purpose of this contest is to evaluate each contestant’s preparation for employment and to recognize outstanding students’ excellence and professionalism in the field of nail technology. The contest consists of 6 separate segments; oral communication skills, acrylic application, tips applied and overlaid with a light-cured gel, nail polish application, nail art pedicuring and a written exam. The written exam tests basic knowledge of proper sanitation, chemical safety, salon procedures, etc. The practical applications evaluate the contestant’s ability to perform the most common nail services in the salon today” (Contest Descriptions).

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