

Dear SkillsUSA Advisor, (SkillsUSA 2020-2021 #30)

Item #1: Virtual State Championship Opening Ceremony

Kudos to the SkillsUSA Maryland State Officer team for hosting a fantastic virtual Opening Ceremony and Delegate Session. If you or your students missed the session a recording is linked to the official website State Conference page:

[https://www.mdskillsusa.org/state\\_conference.html](https://www.mdskillsusa.org/state_conference.html)

Item #2: State Championship Contest Updates

As mentioned, virtual state competitions will incorporate contest-aligned interviews/interactions with judges. Students may be reacting to a variety of questions, scenarios, identifications, etc., aligned to their respective CTE programs of study. Competitors will not be required to supply any equipment, materials, etc. unless instructed by the contest chair via a contest update. To date, updates have been posted for the following contests:

Audio-Radio Production

Automotive Maintenance Light Repair

Digital Cinema Production

Early Childhood Education

Photography

TV/Video Production

Go to “State Conference” page and scroll down to see the contest list/updates.

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Item #3: Virtual Competition General Information/Instructions For Students

Students participating in state competitions scheduled throughout the next eight (8) days will be virtually interacting with business, industry and education partners who have volunteered to serve as contest-aligned chairs and judges. Students should enter Zoom (or Doxy) meeting rooms on-time and behaving professionally. Although SkillsUSA official dress is not required for state competitions this year, we encourage students to dress neatly and professionally. Best of luck to all student competitors.

Be sure to share contest dates/times with your students. A complete list of Zoom and Doxy contest meeting links is included in the State Championship agenda, available on State Conference page: [https://www.mdskillsusa.org/state\\_conference.html](https://www.mdskillsusa.org/state_conference.html)

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