

## SkillsUSA Digital Cinema Production State Competition

### Dates:

March 2<sup>nd</sup> through March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 The prompt will be emailed to the advisors from the judging coordinator by 9am on Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. **The final films must be uploaded with link emailed before 6pm on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.**

### Objective:

Upon receiving criteria, teams have one week to write, shoot, edit, upload, and email a link for a four and a half to five-minute short film.

### Teams:

Two person teams only. No more, no less.

***NEW - ALL students/teams need to be registered for the State Conference at <http://www.skillsusa-register.org> by February 28th, 2020 in order to be eligible to compete in the state contest!***

### Judging:

Judging sheet is provided. It includes a mixture of Artistic Merit and Technical Merit. Judges will not know school or student affiliation and are not partial to any program.


Requirements: You will be given a prompt to design your film around. Film length must be 4:30 – 5 minutes in length. A main title for the film is allowed lasting no more than five seconds.

Do not add credits that will identify the filmmakers or the school program. You are allowed to have up to 10 seconds of opening titles, as long as they don't identify the filmmakers or their school affiliation. No other credits are allowed to be in the film. If there is a closing credits sequence, the film will be considered completed before they start.

Start with 5 seconds black, followed by 5 seconds of slate, followed by 5 seconds of black. At the end, add 5 seconds of black.

The slate must have the following info:

- MiSkillsUSA Digital Cinema
- Team Letter
- Date of completion
- Music source / licensing

**\*\*\*Do not include the name of the school that you are from in the slate, or in the film description on the web upload page.** 

### SUBMITTING THE FINAL FILM

Once done, upload the final film to YouTube or Vimeo. Use #MISkillsUSADigitalCinema2020 in the description of the video.

Email film link to [kurtm@mpifilm.com](mailto:kurtm@mpifilm.com). Use "SkillsUSA Digital Cinema 2020 Team X" in the subject line.

\*\*Make sure you know how long this will take you and for it to appear on the site as to not miss the deadline. Technical difficulty in uploads will not allow more time in the contest. As long as the link is submitted before the deadline, it can still be encoding on the site. As long as the link that is submitted before the deadline is working when the judges begin to review the films, you will be included in the contest. Any link that is not working or sent after the deadline will not be considered.

Note: This is a contest that is run on the honor system. Once the prompt is given, advisors should not have any role in the student productions, other than signing out equipment. Uploading should also be done by students, but can be done at school.

#### Rules:

All content must be school appropriate

While students can work on films during regular class time, they are not permitted to request help, feedback, or production advice on the competition project from their teacher/advisor.

Students may request to sign out equipment from their teacher/advisor, but not to ask for recommendations on what equipment to use for the film or training on the equipment.

Students may cast actors outside of their group to be in their film, but cannot add other crew members or writers.

All music must be royalty free.

All visuals must be obtained by contestant teams, unless it is supplied by competition creator as a required element.

No use of guns in film, even fake ones.

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Judge #:

TEAM LETTER

**SkillsUSA Michigan Digital Cinema Rating Sheet**

Judges: Please circle the number corresponding to the level of proficiency demonstrated in each category using the following key:  
0 - Not demonstrated to 10 - Consistently demonstrated

**CAMERA OPERATION**

Shot Composition (framing)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Shot Variety	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Motivated Camera Movement (Smooth Pan/Zoom)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

SECTION TOTAL

**Comments:**

**VIDEO QUALITY**

Proper Exposure	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
White Balance	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Proper Focus	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

SECTION TOTAL

**Comments:**

**AUDIO QUALITY**

Proper Audio Levels	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Appropriate Mix	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Effective use of music	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

SECTION TOTAL

**Comments:**

**EDITING TECHNIQUES**

Continuity / Flow	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No Jump Cuts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Proper Use of Graphics	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Effective Transitions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

SECTION TOTAL

**Comments:**

**STRUCTURE**

Effective story structure	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Viewer Interest Created	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Creative Use of Prompt Acting	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Production Design	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

SECTION TOTAL

**Comments:**

**PENALTIES**

Film under 4.5 minutes or over 5 minutes (*This does not include slate and black at beginning and end)	Disqualified
Use of copyright protected music or video	Disqualified
Missed deadline	Disqualified
Incorrect slate structure	- 10 points

**GRAND TOTAL:**