



# Guidelines for State Officer Candidate Speeches

## State Officer Candidates and Voting Delegates:

To help facilitate the selection of an effective officer team, the officer candidates are asked to respond to the following topics in their introductory speech to the voting delegates before the election of the state officer team. The voting delegates are asked to evaluate and vote for the candidates based on their responses to the topics. Consideration should also be given to their poise, communication and speaking skills.

## Suggested Topics:

- Personal introduction
- Activity participation in school and community
- SkillsUSA involvement – local, state and national
- Why you are interested in being a state officer
- List one characteristic you have that would make you an effective officer. Briefly speak to that characteristic.
- Give an example and briefly explain where you have been an effective team member.

As an officer candidate, the introductory speech is your major means of convincing the voting delegates you are the person they want representing them on the state and national level. Use the speech to your advantage by having it well prepared.