

**SkillsUSA
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**Maryland 2024
Championships**

Nail Care Competition

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Carroll County Career and Technology Center

Please Note that ALL Contestants must provide their own UV lamp/light source and extension cord for the Gel application portion of the Contest.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

8:00 – 8:30	Contestant & Model Check In You will check in and at this time turn in your Written Description of your nail art theme. A digital or printed color photo of the nail art to be created during the contest. Photo may include props. Your resume should be uploaded to the Skills USA web portal. Models DO NOT need to submit a resume!
8:30 – 9:00	Contest Briefing – (house rules, clock, expectations, etc...) Set Up & Kit Check Set Up for Acrylic Application
9:00 – 10:00	Acrylic Application The model's right hand will be used to sculpt nails with forms, no tips, using the two-tone/French-manicure technique. White, Natural-for the free edge, Pink or Clear-nail bed Acrylic Powders Colors. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acrylic Application: product control, clarity/no bubbles, smile line, c-curve, arch, thinness and continuity. Finished Appearance: clarity, smoothness, shape & length consistent finger to finger and proportionate to hand, high-gloss shine and cuticle involvement.
10:00 – 10:10	Judging of Acrylic Sculpted pink and whites. Clean-up of Acrylic application.

10:10 – 10:20	Set Up for Gel & Tip Application.
10:20 – 11:20	<p>Gel & Tip Application The left hand of the model will have nail tips applied, blended and overlaid with a Gel system. All items necessary to complete five nails with a tip and light-cured gel overlay.</p> <p>Based on salon quality nails, the following will be evaluated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tip Application: fit, alignment, and blending. Tip and glue do not have to come from same manufacturer. Any tip may be used. • Gel Application: product control, even coverage, apex in stress area and thinness. • Finished Appearance: clarity, smoothness, shape & length consistent finger to finger and proportionate to hand, high-gloss shine and cuticle involvement.
11:20 – 11:30	Judging of Gel & Tip application. Clean-up of Gel & Tip application.
11:30 – 12:00	LUNCH
12:00 – 12:10	Set Up for Polish & Nail Art Application.
12:10 – 1:10	<p>Polish & Nail Art Application Two coats of Dark Red Crème Lacquer/Polish are to be applied to the model’s right hand. The following will be evaluated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neatness, coverage, evenness and cuticle involvement. <p>Nail art is to be applied to all 5 fingers of the model’s left hand. A specific theme should carry through on all 5 fingers and in a written description. Diagrams of the art you intend to create can be used, however, diagrams are limited to the finished product and may not be step by step instructions. Photos are allowed. All nail art must be created using gel polishes/gel paints, lacquers and/or acrylic paint Only! Top Coat may be used as a sealer, ONLY ON NAIL ART!!! No props allowed. The following will be evaluated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creativity; theme, follow through of theme, artist expression, and color coordination. • Level of Difficulty; complexity of design. • Precision; neatness and clarity of lines. • Theme Continuity
1:10 – 1:20	Judging of Polish & Nail Art Application Clean-up.

<p>1:20 – 2:00</p>	<p>Oral Presentations Contestants will give a 3-5 minute presentation on the benefits of Natural Nail Care. You will direct your presentation to the judges as if they were a client who came to you for a consultation. Props may be used.</p> <p>Contestants should use props to as cheat sheets or to sell the client on a natural nail service</p> <p>The presentation should cover the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended natural nail care services. • Results the client should expect. • The home care products the client would need to purchase and use to obtain these results.
<p>2:00 – 2:30</p>	<p>Contest Debriefing Contestants, Models, Teachers and Advisors - are all welcome and encouraged to attend.</p>