

# DRESS CODE FOR SkillsUSA Minnesota CONFERENCES

SkillsUSA Minnesota is a professional student organization. Appropriate dress needs to represent the goals and objectives of the organization. The 2002-2003 State Officers and the Executive Boards developed the following guidelines.

- Participants are expected to come to conferences wearing appropriate dress. Participants dress or appearance becomes the concern of the organization if it disrupts or adds a level of discomfort while attending our conferences.
- **Clothing must reflect a positive image.** It should not display language or images deemed inappropriate or go against our code of conduct.
- Clothing and attire must not cause or contribute to any potential safety hazards in activities or competitive events
- Participants whose dress is viewed as a violation will be asked to turn a shirt inside out, cover it up or obtain additional appropriate clothing.

SkillsUSA Minnesota offers the following examples of inappropriate dress:

**PLEASE NOTE: Any Clothing or Jewelry displaying inflammatory slogans, derogatory, or suggestive or offensive language, or those promoting illegal activities or offensive language is prohibited.**

1. Headgear of any kind (i.e. Hats, caps, bandanas, scarves, sweatbands, etc.) may not be worn during meetings and group activities (with the exception of religious headgear)
2. Undergarments of any type must remain covered (bra's, underpants, thongs, boxers, etc.)
3. Halters, backless, see through, low cut tops for women, tank tops and muscle shirts for men, lycra or spandex pants or tops, are not considered professional or appropriate dress and should be covered by an outer garment. Skirts should be an appropriate length and style that will portray a professional image (ie. Skirt length, slit skirts, overly tight skirts are inappropriate).
4. Any top displaying inflammatory slogans (i.e. Co-Ed naked, "Johnson" shirts, etc.) derogatory, or suggestive or offensive language, or those promoting illegal activities or offensive language (i.e. Tobacco, drugs or alcohol) is prohibited.
5. Tops must be long enough to cover a participant's midsection.

**NEW FASHIONS TRENDS MAY BE IN STYLE BUT NOT NECESSARILY APPROPRIATE OR PROFESSIONAL. AVOID "WALKING THE LINE." IF IN DOUBT - DON'T! REPRESENT OUR ORGANIZATION BY LOOKING AND ACTING PROFESSIONAL. You may be asked to leave the conference if you wish not to comply with these standards. THANK YOU!**