

Skills USA

Preschool Teaching Assistant

Material Required:

An assortment of materials to be used to construct a fun and exciting teaching aid project will be furnished to all contestants.

Scope of Contest:

1. With the materials supplied to the contestants as well as with their own creativity and knowledge, the participants will be required to make a project that will assist them in teaching a concept in the form of a lesson plan. The plan will be geared to teach a curriculum topic to a three to five year old student. The curriculum content area choices will be Math, Language Arts, Food/Nutrition, Science, Social Studies, and Music.
2. The contestants will be required to choose one concept from a content area; however, content integration is acceptable as long as the quality of the primary content area being taught does not diminish.
3. The contestants will not have prior knowledge of the materials and will need to make a decision as to the concept to be taught after assessing the supplied materials.
4. Each contestant will be required to submit a lesson plan for the concept within the content area being taught. The plan should include Subject Area, Objectives, Motivational Technique, Required Materials, Description of Activity, and its Relevance to Related Curriculum (where applicable).
5. There will be 1 ¼ hours allotted to complete the entire task, to the point of presentation.
6. Contestants will present their projects to a group of judges using between five and seven minutes.
7. The judges will take three to five minutes to interact with the contestant to address topics related to the presentation.