

SkillsUSA Fantasy Hair Braiding Competition

Important:

- READ THE TECHNICAL OPERATIONS MANUAL at www.scskillsusa.org under Leadership and Skills Conference.
 - ALL COMPETITIONS must strictly follow these guidelines.
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Purpose

Showcase student skills, creativity, and professionalism in hair braiding while preparing for employment.

Competition Rules

- **Fantasy Competition: 2 hours | Pre-braided hair allowed**
 - One model per contestant per competition.
 - Models may **not** be used in more than one category.
 - Contestants provide **all tools, materials, drapes, towels, implements, and models.**
 - No school-identifying clothing (smocks, capes, etc.).
 - No eating, drinking, or audience coaching during competition.
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Scoring Criteria

- Written Test
 - Preparation & Sanitation
 - Appearance
 - Time Management
 - Skill & Creativity
 - Overall Finish
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Theme Guidance – Cosmic Creations & Braided Illusions

Cosmic Creations

- Inspired by stars, galaxies, and futuristic designs.
- Swirling braid patterns, textures, and subtle colors create depth and movement.
- Goal: Hair that looks dynamic, otherworldly, and imaginative.

Braided Illusions

- Focus on optical effects: patterns, shapes, and dimensions.
- Techniques: interweaving, layering, creative parting.
- Goal: Hairstyles that appear to shift, move, or trick the eye.

Integration:

- Combine cosmic swirls with geometric/illusion patterns for a visually striking style.
- Color can enhance both cosmic and illusion effects.
- Emphasize precision, symmetry, and professional finish.