

19th ANNUAL SKILLS CANADA INTERMEDIATE CHALLENGE

Contest Categories

BAKING

Have you ever prepared baked goods like bread, cakes, cookies, pastries or specialize in one? This baking competition not only requires you to follow recipes, but us tools and equipment such as cake rounds, pastry papers, and an assortment of cooking and mixing utensils to create your masterpiece all from the comfort of your home or school's kitchen! Optional team of 2.

CODING CHALLENGE

Interested in learning about Code? Skills Canada has partnered with Brilliant Labs to offer students a coding challenge. Students will participate in a workshop where they will learn the fundamentals and language of code through the completion of a project. Students will complete the second part of the challenge by putting the code they write to the test! No coding experience necessary.

FLL ROBOTICS

Lego Robotics is a competition that combines a hands-on, interactive robotics program with a sports-like atmosphere. Teams focus on designing, building, and programming a Lego Robot to complete several missions in a limited amount of time. **For more information on the Lego League Robotics Competition, please contact Steve Noseworthy (Steven.Noseworthy@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca).**

IMPORTANT NOTE – Teams must register independently with First Lego league AND Skills Canada to compete in the Skills Canada Intermediate Challenge.

GRAPHIC DESIGN

If you are creative and full of ideas but have never found an outlet to express yourself, then Graphic Design may be for you! This competition focuses on creating visually appealing content, implementing time management, workflow planning and using basic design fundamentals.

HAIRSTYLING (TEAM of TWO)

Do you find yourself asking your friends or family if you can braid or style their hair? Then the Hairstyling competition might be your calling! This competition requires a team of 2, a hairdresser and their model. With creativity, you will use time management skills to create a selected look that includes hair, makeup and more, for the judges to critique.

IT NETWORK SYSTEMS

The IT Network Systems committee is hosting a virtual competition where participants are given the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and challenge their skills in computer basics, maintenance, and network support. Beginners are welcome!

IT OFFICE SOFTWARE

Software applications are a necessity for most occupations, businesses employees are expected to understand how to use different Microsoft programs. Document processing includes the creation of professional-quality letters, newsletters, and reusable templates. Spreadsheets are used to prepare financial statements, and manage budgets, inventory, and cash flow. Students will be challenged in the use of Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

JOB SEARCH

The purpose of this competition is to have students experience a real-life job search process. Each student “applies” for one of three “jobs”. A team of experienced Human Resources Personnel then interview the competitors who will be scored on the quality of their cover letter and résumé, as well their answers during the virtual interview, confidence displayed, and overall job interview skills.

JOB SKILL DEMONSTRATION

This competition allows students to demonstrate a task/skill that they might do often or looking to gain a new skill related to a trade or technology. The competitor would then demonstrate their knowledge of this skill by answering questions on the task they have presented. A demonstrated skill could involve any aspect of a skilled trade or technology. (ie. baking a cake, filming a video, make-up tips and tricks etc.)

JUNIOR CHEF CHALLENGE

Students will be introduced to the spirit of a professional cooking environment in a fun and interactive way! Being evaluated on their ability to follow instructions for safety, sanitation, cooking recipes, preparation and presentation of food, and professional etiquette of working in your home or school’s kitchen. Optional team of 2.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Students are required to take a series of photographs in various elements on competition day and will be judged on composition, photographic technique, post-production techniques and adherence to the theme.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

This competition helps you develop the skills and ability to communicate effectively. Body language, writing, speaking, and other effective communication skills are important for any career. This competition allows students to present thoughts in a clear, coherent, and constructed format, using non-verbal skills to assist in expressing their topic.

CBDC: THE PITCH

The pitch is designed to challenge students to creatively sell their skill or hobby as a business. The competition will test the participant’s ability to creatively describe their skill, how it can be a viable business and what leadership abilities they possess to make the business work. By showcasing their talents, using effective public speaking tactics and being able to sell an idea in three minutes or less, participants are to convince a panel of judges that their skill set is the next big money-making venture in Newfoundland and Labrador. Optional team of 2.

WEB TECHNOLOGIES

Website designers are responsible for creating the design and layout of a website or web pages, which usually includes a variety of navigational methods and presentation of specific information. Designers utilize graphics, text, photographs, and lettering placed according to conceptual layouts and technical specifications. The purpose of this competition is to provide an opportunity for students to demonstrate their skills in the many aspects of website development.

VIDEO PRODUCTION

Teams of two have four hours to plan, shoot and edit a one minute informational or promotional video on a theme stated at the beginning of the competition. Local judges from the TV Video industry evaluate each video using a comprehensive set of criteria. Individuals trained in this field can work for video production companies, advertising agencies, television stations and many other sectors. Team of 2 required.

WORKPLACE SAFETY

The purpose of this competition is to promote health and safety by increasing students' awareness of and participation in health and safety activities. The students will be evaluated on their knowledge of health and safety principles, ability to identify and assess workplace hazards to recommend corrective action and have the ability to communicate health and safety information to others.