**Pumpkin Carving, Pumpkin Decorating & Pumpkin-Esque Contests**

By the time October rolls around, pumpkins are everywhere. And there is no better activity to do with a pumpkin than to carve it or decorate it! Don’t have a pumpkin, then do you have something that could represent a pumpkin that you could create/decorate? Have you ever tried to carve or decorate a pumpkin or create/decorate something pumpkinlike to represent SkillsUSA? Well if not, there is no better time than the present to give this a try!

All you have to do is:

* Carve or decorate your pumpkin or create/decorate your pumpkinlike item to represent SkillsUSA
* Submit 2 photographs
* 1 showing the chapter in the process of carving or decorating it
* 1 showing the chapter with your final product

Your pumpkin will be judged on the following criteria:

* Creativity of the design – 20pts
* SkillsUSA Representation of the design – 15 pts
* Carving or decorating skills – 15 pts

(Middle School competes against Middle School, High School against High School & College/Postsecondary against College/Postsecondary. Also, each contest is separate so your chapter could have up to 3 entries, 1 for each category.)

**Submissions will be accepted from Wednesday, October 1st – Friday, October 31st & can be emailed to:** **contests@skillsusanc.org** **.**

Beginning sometime during the week of Monday, November 3rd, we will start sharing these to social media.

The chapter per division per contest who has the highest score will receive a FABULOUS prize! (9 potential winners in all.)

But what if you want to attempt more than 1 per category? Glad you asked! For Social Media purposes, please submit all your creations, but for the actual competition, please have a local competition at your school and let us know your official entry/entries. We can’t wait to see your amazing creations!!