

THE MO HOSA PULSE

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Save the Date

October is filled with so many exciting events! Of course many deadlines come along with wonderful opportunities. Mark your calendars, this month, we are officially hosting our annual Fall Leadership Conference. Along with that, the registration for the Competitive Event Preparation Workshop is approaching soon. Be ready to bring the amazing MOHOSA energy with you as we kick off our events.

IMPORTANT DATES

- >> **Fall Leadership Conference**
October 12-13
- >> **Competative Events Workshop Registration Deadline**
October 23

 2026-2027 CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
SEPTEMBER 19-22, 2026 20TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP ACADEMY WASHINGTON, D.C. - LOCAL & STATE OFFICERS ONLY	NOVEMBER 2-6, 2026 HOSA WEEK - VISIT HTTP://WWW.HOSA.ORG/NO DE/122 FOR LOCAL CHAPTER HOSA WEEK IDEAS	FEBRUARY 1, 2027 STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE QUALIFIER RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT	MARCH 1, 2027 MISSOURI HOSA CHAPTER ASSURANCE FORM DEADLINE
SEPTEMBER 25, 2026 FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE REGISTRATION FEE: \$80.00	NOVEMBER 13, 2026 COMPETITIVE EVENTS PREPARATION WORKSHOP STEPHENS COLLEGE - COLUMBIA	FEBRUARY TBA, 2027 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE DAY JEFFERSON CITY - ALL MISSOURI HOSA CHAPTERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND	MARCH 6, 2027 STATE OFFICER CANDIDATE SCREENING EVENT JEFFERSON CITY
SEPTEMBER 28, 2026 BRAND DESIGN CONCEPT CONTEST DEADLINE	JANUARY 10, 2027 STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE QUALIFIER REGISTRATION DEADLINE REGISTRATION FEE: \$30.00	FEBRUARY 15, 2027 STATE OFFICER APPLICATIONS, SLC AMBASSADOR APPLICATIONS, VARIOUS AWARD APPLICATIONS, BARBARA JAMES SERVICE AWARD ADVISOR HATS APPROVAL, HOSA SERVICE PROJECT ADVISOR HATS APPROVAL, & SPECIAL TALENT REQUEST ENTRY DEADLINES	MARCH 30-APRIL 1, 2027 STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ROLLA HIGH SCHOOL - ROLLA
OCTOBER 12-13, 2026 FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE WYNDHAM EXECUTIVE CENTER	JANUARY 15, 2027 STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE QUALIFIER HOSA DIGITAL UPLOAD SUBMISSION DEADLINE	FEBRUARY 15, 2027 STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE REGISTRATION FEE: \$55.00	MAY 15, 2027 INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE REGISTRATION FEE: \$130.00
OCTOBER 23, 2026 COMPETITIVE EVENTS PREPARATION WORKSHOP REGISTRATION DEADLINE REGISTRATION FEE: \$20.00	JANUARY 15-26, 2027 STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE QUALIFIER TESTING WINDOW		JUNE 22-25, 2027 HOSA INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER, PHILADELPHIA, PA

If you haven't already, please take a moment to fill out the form and provide your chapter's Instagram handle. [2026 HOSA FLC Instagram Exchange - Google Forms](#). This will help us to create a way for you all to stay connected! Be sure to keep these dates on your calendar and watch out for more exciting events and opportunities throughout the year. We can't wait to see all that Missouri HOSA accomplishes this year!

Missouri HOSA Presidential Council

Hey there, Missouri HOSA!

As we step into a new year of leadership, connection, and opportunity, we're excited to continue building the Missouri HOSA Presidential Council!

The Presidential Council is dedicated to representing and supporting chapters across Missouri while creating opportunities for members to **connect, collaborate, grow as leaders, and celebrate the incredible work happening throughout our state.**

More Information Coming Soon!

We're currently gathering and finalizing the details for our upcoming Presidential Council opportunities. **Invitations and additional information are still being collected and finalized, and they will be sent out soon!**

We're so excited to bring student leaders from across Missouri together and create a space where your ideas, experiences, and voices can help shape the future of Missouri HOSA.

Keep an eye out for upcoming announcements and invitations—you won't want to miss what's next! **Together, let's step into the spotlight, make connections, and make this a year to remember.**



Happy back to school season MOHOSA! As the halls filled back up this August, our Missouri HOSA members stepped back into another year of healthcare, leadership, service, and competition.

The first few weeks of the 2026–2027 HOSA year have been all about getting back into the HOSA mindset by reconnecting with chapter members, getting involved, and settling into a new year of HOSA. Whether you're a returning member or just beginning your HOSA journey, August and September marked the start of another year of possibilities. Remember to tag @mohosaofficial in all of your local chapter posts for a chance to be featured! The MOHOSA team would love to see your local chapter activities and achievements!

With a new HOSA year comes new goals, new experiences, and plenty of opportunities to step up and get involved.

August and September may have marked the beginning, but they set the stage for everything still to come this year. We're excited to see what Missouri HOSA members accomplish throughout 2026–2027!

Check out these Resources & Opportunities

» **NEW!** MO HOSA Member Guides

- » What to Expect at State Events
- » Registration Expectations for Members Flowchart

COMING SOON IN OCTOBER:

- » Guide to Competitive Events

Missouri Opportunities:

Young Scientists Program - Summer Focus (St. Louis)

- Rising Seniors
- Applications are due late January
 - There are substantial application materials that would be helpful to start early
- <https://sites.wustl.edu/wustlysp/>

Medical Explorations (Columbia, MO)

- Rising Sophomores & Juniors
- Applications accepted from February 20th to March 30th
- <https://medicine.missouri.edu/offices-programs/education/pre-med-outreach-programs/mizzou-medprep/medical-explorations>

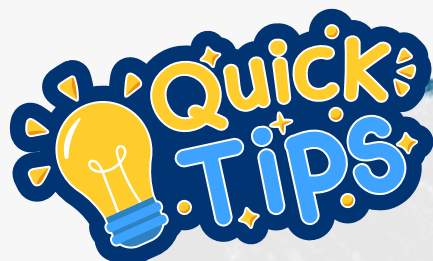
Important MO HOSA Deadlines



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MO HOSA Advice NETWORKING

Networking is one of the most important tools in career advancement. Although the word can sound intimidating, networking at its most basic level is connecting with individuals around you. By focusing on relationships with peers, colleagues and advisors, you can open various opportunities to exchange knowledge and skills.

Networking can happen in virtually any environment from school to work or shadowing experiences. When conversing with professionals, remember to be composed and polite while asking any interesting questions you may have. Try to learn from those a step or two ahead of you as they have the most accurate advice to where you are currently at.

September Spotlight

Sloane Burke

HOSA Chapter President at Staley High School

Local Leadership

Sloane Burke is the Chapter President of Staley High School, transitioning from the position of President-Elect for the 2025-2026 school year. Sloane's leadership features an inclusive style that prioritizes open communication and ensures every member of the chapter feels valued.

Community Engagement

Sloane is a three-time State Leadership Conference competitor with two consecutive 1st place finishes in Clinical Nursing. During the 2025 International Leadership Conference, Sloane placed 3rd in Clinical Nursing, and at the 2026 conference, brought home a 2nd place finish for Clinical Nursing.



HOSA Impact

Beyond her local impact as an inspiring role model, Sloane has demonstrated the excellence, dedication, and service that define HOSA through her community involvement and success on the international stage.

Competitive Excellence

Over the past three years, Sloane has driven community engagement by organizing the school's Homecoming Parade float for HOSA. Additionally, Sloane is creating interactive, science-themed booths for local children at the high school's Halloween Hallways event.

Congratulations to Sloane! We wish you and Staley High School HOSA the best and look forward to hearing about all the incredible things you'll accomplish this year!

October Spotlight

Christina Smithey

Waynesville High School Senior & President of the Waynesville High School HOSA Chapter

Stand-out qualities:

Christina leads by example within projects she volunteers for. She doesn't just dictate and delegate throughout her chapter, but truly leads by showing younger students what it means to be a leader within their community. She is very organized and determined.

"Christina was so shy and quiet at the beginning of her HOSA journey, so it is exciting to see a young individual grow throughout the course of her HOSA years and choose to continue to step out of her comfort zone for the need of others."

Community Impact

Christina helped make a difference with her community blood drive, which received 31 units of blood donated. She also proposed a plan to school administrators to include additional blood drives during the school year and encouraged students to continue donating, build a donation habit, and become lifelong donors.



Christina draws from her own experience prior to becoming a donor, before she recognized how easy and selfless donating blood was, to encourage those around her.

Initiatives

As the summer months approached, Christina worked to organize a blood drive with the American Red Cross. Blood donations tend to drop off in the summer, so Christina planned the blood drive strategically and then went to work, recruiting donors throughout her community, pushing to obtain student volunteers, and organizing donations for a goodies table.

She arranged for handmade thank you cards to be distributed to donors. During the blood drive, Christina's initial goal of receiving 31 units of blood was achieved, and the dedicated senior turned her attention to planning additional blood drives in the new school year.

Her encouragement leads others within the HOSA chapter, other student organizations, and community and staff members to make a difference. **Through her volunteerism, Christina is showcasing that one idea can make a big difference, with one donation being able to save up to 3 lives.**

Congratulations to Christina! We wish you and Waynesville HOSA the best, and are looking forward to hearing about all the incredible things you'll accomplish this year!

How Do I Nominate An Outstanding HOSA Member?



The Missouri HOSA team will continue selecting a spotlight to feature over our social media platforms, newsletter, and email communications on a monthly basis. If you would like to nominate a member, officer, advisor, or chapter to be featured, fill out the form here: <https://forms.gle/PCBjCcbS3ciwD8deA!>

If you have any questions about the form, you can reach me here: mohosavppr26@gmail.com, or you can contact another member of our officer team! We can't wait to read through your responses!

Signed,
Your Missouri HOSA State Officer Team

