



2025-2026

LOCAL

CHAPTER

ADVISOR

GUIDE



PREFACE

A HOSA advisor is a unique individual. Being an advisor is one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences you can have, and being an effective advisor is the key factor to a successful chapter.

It's you—the chapter advisor—who makes the Missouri HOSA world go 'round! It is your enthusiasm, positive attitude, dedication to your students, and willingness to share that build chapters and provide exciting opportunities for young people to learn and grow.

Being an advisor offers many benefits: resources, professional development opportunities, leadership growth, and networking. Advisors also impact the lives of young people every day through meetings and activities, encouraging leadership growth, guiding members through travel experiences, and providing the opportunity for members to grow and develop through the mission and purposes of HOSA. You can take advantage of these opportunities at any level.

The goal of this Guide is to give chapter advisors a single place to find the most important and useful information for managing a HOSA chapter. Use this manual to help you navigate through providing your members with the most valuable experience in HOSA.

Thank you for all you do for Missouri HOSA and future health professionals!



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Missouri HOSA State Advisor

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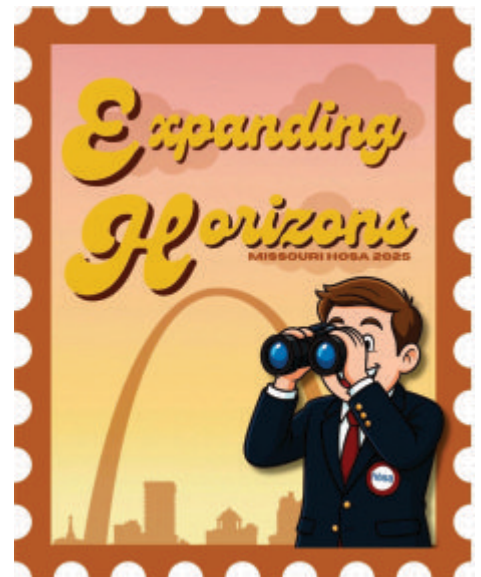
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2025-2026 THEMES

Fall Leadership Conference



State Leadership Conference



International Leadership Conference



2025-2026 STATE OFFICER TEAM MISSION



To expand the horizons of Missouri HOSA members by promoting engagement through career exploration, structured networking, and impactful service initiatives.

2025-2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 1

Affiliation Opens

SEPTEMBER 20-23

Washington Leadership
Academy

Washington, D.C.

Local and State Officers Only

SEPTEMBER 26

Fall Leadership Conference

Registration Deadline

Registration Fee: \$75.00

SEPTEMBER 29

Brand Design Concept

Contest Submission Deadline

[Online Submission Link](#)

OCTOBER 12-13

Fall Leadership Conference

Stoney Creek Hotel &

Conference Center -

Columbia, MO

OCTOBER 24

Competitive Events

Preparation Workshop

Registration Deadline

Registration Fee: \$20.00

NOVEMBER 3-7

HOSA Week

NOVEMBER 14

Competitive Events

Preparation Workshop

Stephens College -

Columbia, MO

JANUARY 10

State Leadership Conference

Qualifier Registration

Deadline

Registration fee: \$30.00

JANUARY 15

SLC Qualifier HOSA Digital

Upload Submission Deadline

JANUARY 19-26

SLC Qualifier Testing

Window

FEBRUARY 1

SLC Qualifier Results

Announced

FEBRUARY 15

Onsite State Leadership

Conference Registration

Deadline

Registration fee: \$55.00

Application Deadline:

- State Officer Application
- Award Applications
- Special Talent Request

Local Chapter Advisor Approval

Deadline:

- America Red Cross
Volunteer Service
- Barbara James Service
Award
- HOSA Service Project

MARCH 1

Onsite SLC Chapter

Assurance Form Deadline

MARCH 7

State Officer Candidate

Screening Event

Jefferson City, MO

MARCH 23-24

Onsite State Leadership

Conference

Rolla High School - Rolla, MO

**Last year of a 2-day
conference*

MAY 15

International Leadership

Conference Registration

Deadline

June 17-20

International Leadership
Conference

Indianapolis Convention

Center - Indianapolis, IN

*Additional events may be added
as they are scheduled. Check the
Missouri HOSA website regularly
for the most updated calendar of
events.*

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

DUES

The 2025-2026 International and Missouri combined affiliations dues are **\$20.00** total per member. This is broken down to \$10 for International and \$10 for Missouri. In order to have a HOSA chapter, at least five (5) members and a chapter advisor are needed. All must pay affiliation fees.

Affiliation fees should be sent to HOSA Headquarters, 548 Silicon Drive, Suite #101, Southlake, TX 76092.

MEMBERSHIP DIVISIONS

MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION

The Middle School Division shall be composed of middle school students who are in grades 6-8 and are interested in or planning to pursue a career in the health professions.

SECONDARY DIVISION

The Secondary Division is composed of secondary students who are or have been enrolled in a Health Science or an organized health career awareness program, or are interested in, planning to pursue, or pursuing a career in the health professions.

POSTSECONDARY/COLLEGIATE DIVISION

The Postsecondary/Collegiate Division shall be composed of students enrolled in Health Science programs at the postsecondary/collegiate level as specified in Article III, Section 4 in the HOSA Bylaws.

LOCAL CHAPTER ADVISOR

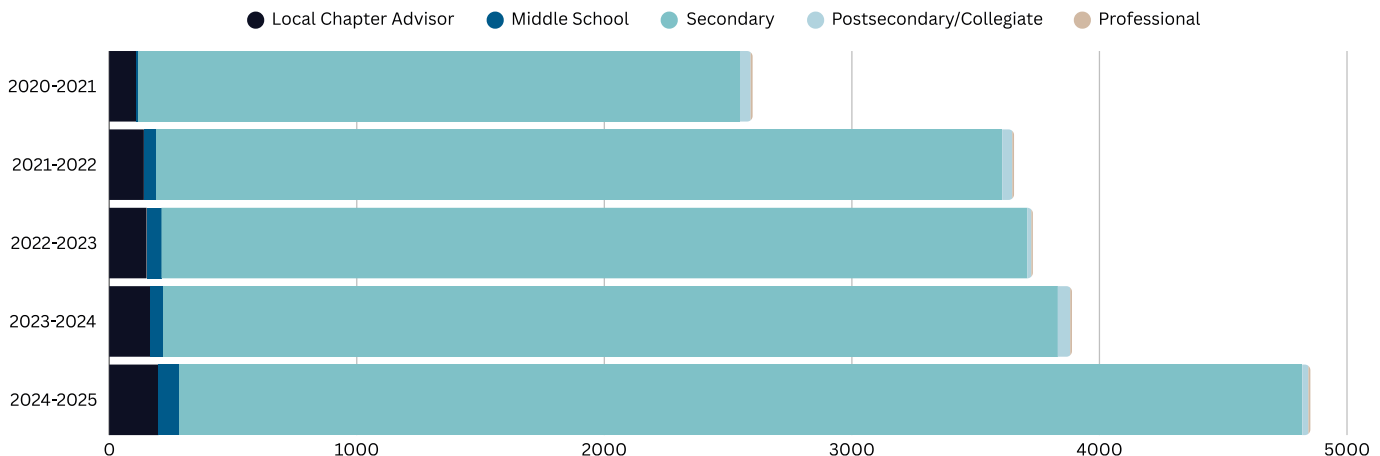
The person(s) responsible for advising students on health science activities that relate to HOSA. They shall pay affiliation fees, but may not vote, hold office, or compete for HOSA member awards.

PROFESSIONAL – (OTHER THAN LOCAL CHAPTER ADVISOR)

These shall be health professionals and other adult members of the community who wish to assist and support the HOSA program of activities. They shall pay affiliation fees, but may not vote, hold office or compete for HOSA member awards

FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE MEMBERSHIP DIVISIONS, VISIT [HTTPS://HOSA.ORG/ABOUT-MEMBERSHIP/](https://hosa.org/about-membership/).

MISSOURI HOSA MEMBERSHIP TRENDS



AFFILIATION INFORMATION

AFFILIATION INSTRUCTIONS

The 2025-2026 Affiliation Packet can be found at <https://hosa.org/what-is-hosa>. On page 5 of the packet, you will find step-by-step instructions on the affiliation process. As you log in to the HOSA Management System, you'll find additional instructions and information.

Once affiliation has been submitted, HOSA Headquarters will not refund, remove, substitute, or change affiliation invoices unless there is an emergency situation requiring such approval. Requests made due to mistakes, students changing their minds, etc., will not be approved. Be sure to check your affiliation roster carefully.

If you have forgotten or misplaced your charter number/password or if you are new to the school district and do not have access, feel free to reach out as well.

HOW-TO VIDEO

Missouri HOSA has created a step-by-step video to walk you through the process of affiliating. It can be found at <https://www.missourihosa.org/training-video-series>.

PERSONALIZED HELP

Missouri HOSA is happy to provide personalized assistance for the affiliation process. You can call, email, or schedule a virtual meeting with the State Advisor by reaching out at 573-751-7965 or rachel.fisher@dese.mo.gov.

BEST PRACTICES

1. Please make sure that all contact information for Local Chapter Advisors is included.
2. Include students' email addresses that are not a school email address, as many schools block HOSA's emails.
3. Assure that all members have paid their dues before affiliation, as your school district will be charged if affiliation is completed.
4. Many chapters charge an additional dues fee on top of the \$20.00 per student member (like \$25.00 or \$30.00) so that they can use the extra money to help with the costs of the local chapter. This amount would be considered the local chapter dues. This is up to you, but it can be helpful throughout the year.

The information on the sample form below is all the information required by HOSA, Inc, when affiliating students. Local Chapter Advisors may choose to add additional information, such as emergency contact, t-shirt information, and competitive event interest.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION



Please PRINT all information clearly.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

School Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Demographics: Please check all that apply: (optional, for federal reporting purposes)

____ Male ____ Female ____ Hispanic ____ Non-Hispanic
____ Caucasian ____ African/American ____ American Indian
____ Asian (Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Asian Indian, Thai) ____ Asian (all others)
____ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

____ Handicapped (Classified ADA)

Class Schedule:

What is your career interest? _____

Your teacher/chapter advisor will inform you of what your affiliation dues will be and when they must be paid.

For teacher use:

____ Information entered in HOSA affiliation system ____ Fees paid \$ _____ Cash/Check # _____

BILLING & FEE POLICIES

Missouri HOSA relies on registration fees to be paid in a timely manner so proper cash flow is available to fund state conferences and projects. Missouri HOSA incurs expenses related to all state programs and conferences, and payment for those expenses relies on chapter fees being paid on time and in full.

AFFILIATION DUES

Affiliation dues should be paid to HOSA, Inc. promptly after affiliation is submitted. Only affiliated members and advisors are eligible for program participation, competitive events, and running for office. All dues should be made to the HOSA Headquarters office listed on the affiliation invoice.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS

Conference/event registrations must be paid in full within 60 days after the end date of each conference/event. Any outstanding invoices after 60 days will be assessed a 5% late penalty. The State Advisor will lock chartered accounts through the HOSA Management System for all local chapters with invoices ninety (90) days overdue of the closing day of the conference/event.

INVOICE NOTIFICATIONS

Missouri HOSA staff will notify Local Chapter Advisors:

1. Via email by sending an invoice after registration closes.
2. Onsite, through a paper copy of the invoice in the registration packet.
3. Via reminder email by sending an outstanding invoice and warning of a 5% penalty for late payment thirty (30) days after the closing day of the conference/event.
4. Via a reminder email by sending a revised invoice assessing the penalty fee after sixty (60) days and a warning of the locked account.
5. Via reminder email, by sending a revised invoice assessing the penalty fee and notice of locked account after ninety (90) days.
6. The Local Chapter chartered account will be locked until payment is received.

PAYMENT METHODS

Missouri HOSA accepts payments in the form of check, money order, and all major credit cards with an additional processing fee based on the payment amount (see below chart). Cash payments may only be made at the HOSA Store on-site at conferences.

A purchase order is not a form of payment, but rather a promise to pay an invoice. The chapter will be responsible for any late fees if actual payment is not received by the payment due date, regardless of the submission of a purchase order.

Credit Card Processing Fees:

- \$1.00 - \$125.00 Payment = \$5.00 Fee
- \$126.00 - \$250.00 Payment = \$10.00 Fee
- \$251.00 - \$500.00 Payment = \$15.00 Fee
- \$501.00 - \$750.00 Payment = \$25.00 Fee
- \$751.00 - \$2,000.00 Payment = \$75.00 Fee
- \$2,001.00+ Payment = \$100.00 Fee

SAMPLE PROGRAM OF WORK

Each chapter should outline its program of work for the year ahead, including chapter activities and meetings, international service projects, community service, regional/state/international events, and fundraising.

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

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CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS

COMMUNITY SERVICE

FUNDRAISING

REGIONAL/STATE/INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

DRESS CODE

Missouri HOSA's dress code policy has different areas of emphasis: General Session Dress, Competitive Event Dress, and Official Function Dress. See **APPENDIX D** for the official HOSA Dress Code.

GENERAL SESSION DRESS

Student members must wear business attire to all Missouri HOSA general sessions. Official HOSA attire is not required.

COMPETITIVE EVENT DRESS

Student members must adhere to the policy as specified in the individual competitive event guidelines for the orientation and event in which they are competing.

OFFICIAL FUNCTION DRESS

When student members are not attending a Missouri HOSA general session or competitive event, they may wear branded HOSA apparel with appropriate pants.



FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ONLY

- Khakis or Jeans with no rips or holes
- Day 1: Local Chapter HOSA/Missouri HOSA shirt of any kind
- Day 2: Fall Leadership Conference long-sleeved tee
- shoes

COMPETITIVE EVENTS PREPARATION WORKSHOP ONLY

- Khakis or Jeans with no rips or holes
- Local Chapter HOSA/Missouri HOSA shirt of any kind
- shoes

MEMBER ACTIVITY TRACKING SYSTEM (MATS)

The Member Activity Tracking System (MATS) or HOSA Activity Tracking System (HATS) is where students track their volunteer hours/activities and money raised for the Barbara James Service Award, HOSA Service Project, Health Literacy Ambassador, and American Red Cross Volunteer Service.

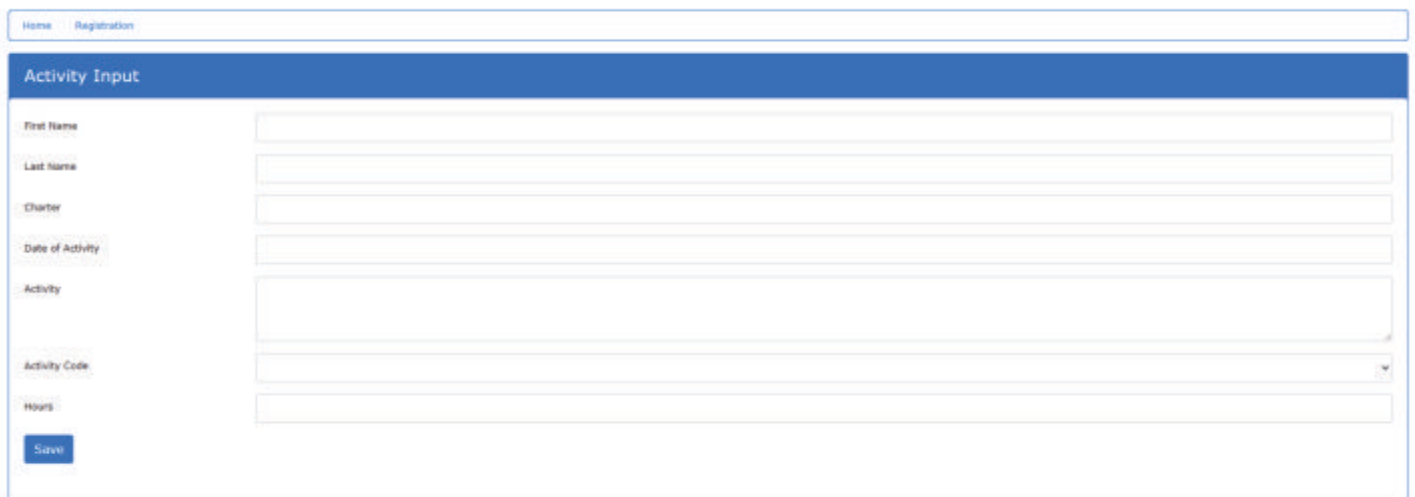
- Please be sure to watch the Member Instructions [HERE](#), so you understand the process from their side.
- For members to create accounts and track their activities, they first must be affiliated as part of your chapter. They also must have a valid email address attached to their name in the affiliation system. This email address must match the email the student uses to create their account. If students are having problems creating an account, you should double-check that they are 1) affiliated and 2) have an email address attached to their name. If you have already affiliated your student(s) WITHOUT an email address, please send an email to hosa@hosa.org with your charter number, list of student names, and their email address, and HOSA will input the emails for you.

EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

- When students submit an activity, you will receive an email from info@hosa.org.
- You will only receive one email per week from HOSA, whether you have 2 pending activities or 50. This is to avoid cluttering your inbox.
- The email will notify you that you have activity entries pending.
- You will need to follow these instructions to either approve or decline the activities.
- At any point, you can log in to your account to view and approve activities. You do not need to wait for an email notification.

RESOURCE LINKS

- Detailed Local Chapter Advisor Instructions: <https://hosa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/24-25-HATS-Chapter-Advisor-Instructions-Sept.pdf>
- Member Instructions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6MYC4O2yBQ8>
- CE Useful Tools: <https://hosa.org/ceusefultools/>
- Member Login Site: <https://apps.hosa.org/#member-activity/input>



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Activity Input" with a navigation bar at the top containing "Home" and "Registration". The form fields are as follows:

Field Label	Field Type
First Name	Text Input
Last Name	Text Input
Charter	Text Input
Date of Activity	Text Input
Activity	Text Input
Activity Code	Dropdown Menu
Hours	Text Input

A "Save" button is located at the bottom left of the form.

STATE EVENTS/CONFERENCES

FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Fall Leadership Conference (FLC) is held each fall and is focused more on beginning and running a local chapter, along with leadership skills for those in a local chapter serving or interested in being an Officer. Attendance is strongly encouraged as it is the kick-off to the year. Registration for FLC is done by Local Advisors through www.hosa.org.

October 12-13, 2025 | Stoney Creek Hotel & Convention Center | Columbia, Missouri

Registration: \$75

COMPETITIVE EVENTS PREPARATION WORKSHOP

The Competitive Events Preparation Workshop (CEPW) is a short and inexpensive one-day workshop. There is a registration limit of 10 members per chapter, including the Local Chapter Advisor. It is meant for a few members to come and learn more about Competitive Events and then be able to bring that information back to the whole chapter.

November 15, 2025 | Stephens College | Columbia, Missouri

Registration: \$20

STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE QUALIFIER

The State Leadership Conference (SLC) Qualifier is a virtual event that will allow all competitors to complete Round 1 at their Local Chapter. **This event is mandatory for ALL COMPETITORS and ANY MEMBER who wants to attend the Onsite SLC.**

January 10, 2026 | HOSA Digital Uploads Deadline: January 15, 2026 | Online Testing Window: January 19-26, 2026

Student Registration: \$30 | Local Chapter Advisor Registration: \$15

ONSITE STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The State Leadership Conference (SLC) is the pinnacle event for Missouri HOSA. Held each spring, SLC focuses on Competitive and Recognition Events, along with an Educational Symposium including presenters and vendors, and the overall organization. **Only competitors and members who were registered for the SLC Qualifier are eligible to register and attend the Onsite SLC.** Student members who place in the top three of their events have the opportunity to advance to the International Leadership Conference held by HOSA, Inc. each June in various locations around the United States.

**Missouri HOSA 2026 Onsite SLC will be the last 2-day SLC. The Missouri HOSA 2027 SLC will be a 3-day conference.*

March 23-24, 2026 | Rolla High School & Rolla Technical Center | Rolla, Missouri

Registration: \$55

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Washington Leadership Academy (WLA) is for State Officers and Local Chapter Leaders. WLA features dynamic workshops and interactive activities to teach HOSA leaders to be better advocates of HOSA's mission and vision. This action-packed experience is the highest level of leadership development for HOSA-Future Health Professionals.

September 20-23, 2025 | Crystal Gateway Marriott | Arlington, Virginia

Registration: \$600

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

HOSA's International Leadership Conference is the highlight of the year for every HOSA member and advisors and includes:

- Competitive events focused on leadership, professional and technical skills
- The annual business of the international student organization of HOSA by the voting delegates
- Educational Seminars, Workshops & Exhibits presented by professional partners that provide Information about current health care issues
- An opportunity to meet people from across the globe with similar career goals
- Exciting general sessions providing recognition and opportunity for all HOSA members!

June 17-20, 2026 | Indianapolis Convention Center | Indianapolis, Indiana

Registration: \$125



COMPETITIVE EVENTS & RECOGNITION EVENTS

WHAT ARE COMPETITIVE EVENTS?

The Competitive Events (CE) Program is designed to motivate HOSA members and provide a system for recognizing the competencies developed by members through Health Science and Biomedical Science class instruction, related job training, and HOSA-related activities. With over 90 events to choose from, CE's are designed for HOSA members to improve their knowledge and skills. The CE standards and guidelines are put forth by HOSA, Inc. You can review the Competitive and Recognition Events at <http://www.hosa.org/guidelines>.

HOW DO MEMBERS KNOW WHICH COMPETITIVE EVENT TO CHOOSE?

Members can choose the event that best suits their interests, skills, or personality. Members should take time to review [this video](#), review the CE Flow Charts ([Middle & High School/Postsecondary](#)), and the [CE guidelines](#) to help them select an event. **Members may choose ONLY one competitive event for the SLC Qualifier and Onsite SLC, and more than one recognition event.** Members can learn more about competitive events at the Missouri HOSA Competitive Events Preparation Workshop (CEPW).

WHAT ARE RECOGNITION EVENTS?

Recognition Events are designed to motivate HOSA members and provide a system for recognizing their service and community involvement. There are eight (8) Recognition Events available for members to participate in. The Recognition Events standards and guidelines are put forth by HOSA, Inc. You can review the Competitive and Recognition Events at <http://www.hosa.org/guidelines>.

COMPETITIVE EVENTS PREPARATION & RESOURCE LINKS

- Competitive Event Guidelines: <https://hosa.org/guidelines/>
- CE Useful Tools: <https://hosa.org/ceusefultools/>
- General Rules and Regulations (GRR): <https://hosa.org/grr/>
- CE Appendices: <https://hosa.org/appendices/>
- Competitive Event Preparation Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKM6mwEQ0dI>
- Competitive Events Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zx92jrmiTPM>
- Recognition Events Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJYS_0doW84
- National Geographic/Cengage Academic Testing Center Events: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGefgnBn1Jo>

LOCAL OFFICER INFORMATION

A local officer is an elected position in a local chapter. Typically, chapters elect a local officer President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications, and other relevant leadership roles as needed.

Local officers organize and carry out events at the local level. Local officer roles are great starting points for chapter members interested in expanding their leadership. Chapter advisors typically set up a process and create an application for their members to get involved as a local chapter officer. You can find more information about local officers at <https://hosa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2.-HOSA-Chapter-Officers-photos.pdf>.

SAMPLE LOCAL OFFICER APPLICATION

HOSA Chapter Officer Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a HOSA officer. This is a HUGE responsibility as you represent our chapter of HOSA—Future Health Professionals. Our goal is to build this organization bigger and better each year, with the help of a strong officer team. Please fill out the information below and prepare for your interview with the HOSA Chapter Advisor at a later date.

Name: _____

Cell number: _____

Grade Level: _____

Health Science or related classes taken:

List involvement in Sports/Clubs/Organizations:

Circle the desired officer position:

President	VP Public Relations	VP Competitive Events
VP Community Service	Secretary	Treasurer
	Historian	Reporter

Why did you choose this position?

Why do you feel you're the best person for this position?

Name one aspect you hope to improve or change in HOSA as an officer?

It is an honor to be chosen as a HOSA officer as it is one of the most active student organizations and many people desire the job. It is to be taken seriously and you are to attend monthly officer meetings and all organization meetings. If you do not fulfill your duties, you will be removed from the office.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

* Advisors are encouraged to use this template to create an officer application form that works for your chapter.

LOCAL CHAPTER MEETING INFORMATION

MEETINGS

Local Chapter meetings should take place at a regular time. Set aside the last Friday of the month for a HOSA meeting, with the second Friday of the month set aside for committee meetings. Or, have the students vote on when to hold the HOSA meetings.

Elected presidents and secretaries should keep agendas and take minutes on a specified laptop or computer. Save agendas and meetings in a HOSA file after printing. (This prevents you from having to chase down the files at a later date.) Agendas can be distributed for meetings in different ways: Facebook, e-mail, paper copies, written on the board or projected on an LCD projector as a PowerPoint slide.

AGENDAS

When planning the agenda, first determine the overall objective for the meeting; if there is no purpose there should not be a meeting. Then, brainstorm specific items of business that need to be covered. Referring to the previous meeting's agenda, minutes, and the suggested order of business is an organized way of determining those specifics. Follow a set order of business in determining the placement of each item upon the agenda.

For informal meetings such as committee meetings, it is helpful to have a statement of the objective and a review of the agenda as the first item of business. If members know what they are to accomplish and how it is to be handled, they are more likely to achieve the set goal. Near the end, review important dates and decisions made. Always remember to thank those present for attending and participating, and tell them that you look forward to seeing them at the next meeting.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT TECHNIQUES

- Introduce students to parliamentary procedure. Explain motions, seconding the motion, and voting.
- Have students pair up and practice making motions and seconding motions.
- Explain the purpose of an agenda and show an example agenda.
- Have students write their own agendas for a meeting.
- Show meeting minutes examples. During a meeting (perhaps that you, as the advisor, lead), have all students take minutes.
- Add your own ideas.

STATE OFFICER INFORMATION

WHAT IS A STATE OFFICER?

State Officers are elected by Voting Delegates (students from local chapters) and serve the needs of HOSA chapters and their members. In Missouri, the State Officer team includes a President, President-Elect, Vice President of Communications, Vice President of Public Relations, Vice President of Membership, and Postsecondary/Collegiate Vice President. Elections are held each year at the State Leadership Conference. The Missouri HOSA State Officer team is led by the State Advisor, Rachel Fisher, and State Officer Mentor, Rebecca Bolen.

Serving as a Missouri HOSA State Officer is a privilege afforded for only those members deserving of the experience. Being a State Officer is not about being seen in the public eye or about gaining extra recognition, but instead about serving the over 3,700 members of our organization. Being a State Officer requires a great deal of work, effort, and sacrifice. In return, officers will be greatly rewarded by discovering an experience unmatched by any other. Officers also have the privilege of receiving many opportunities, training, and experiences that will last a lifetime. Missouri HOSA State Officers serve as ambassadors for our organization and for the state of Missouri. They also serve as representatives of their families, schools, and communities.

STATE OFFICER ELECTION PROCEDURES

Step 1—State Officer Candidates must submit a completed application with a written speech no later than February 15th. Please note that if the application is not complete, it will not be accepted.

Step 2—State Officer Candidates and their Local Chapter Advisors **MUST** attend the State Officer Candidate Screening Event held on the first Saturday of March. If either the State Officer Candidate or Local Chapter Advisor cannot attend the State Officer Candidate Screening Event, the State Officer Candidate will not be eligible to be a State Officer. The State Officer Screening Process includes:

- Written Exam
- Interview
- Team Building Activities
- Campaign Speech

State Officer Candidates **MUST** earn a minimum of 80 of the 150 maximum number of points possible in order to move on to be slated.

Step 3— Campaigning for office will be allowed during the onsite SLC after the Opening Session. Candidates are also required to attend the Meet-the-Candidate time inside the HOSA Zone before the Delegate Session.

Step 4—The Delegates' Session will include a campaign speech. Once complete, two (2) voting delegates from each Missouri HOSA chapter will vote for the top four (4) secondary candidates and any postsecondary/collegiate candidates, if applicable.

STATE OFFICER APPLICATION

The State Officer Candidate Application can be found on the Missouri HOSA website at <https://www.missourihosa.org/state-officer-application>.

HOSA GLOSSARY

AFFILIATION

The online process to become an official HOSA chapter and register members.

AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER (AHEC)

A national network of programs dedicated to improving supply, distribution, diversity and quality of health professionals through community and academic partnerships and to improving access to quality healthcare for underserved areas and underserved populations

ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (ACTE)

The Association for Career and Technical Education is the largest national education association dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for careers. The mission is to provide educational leadership in developing a competitive workforce.

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

Instructional programs that offer academic and career-oriented courses to help students prepare for success in education and future careers.

CAREER & TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION (CTSO)

Student organizations that integrate into Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and courses; HOSA is one of 11 CTOS recognized by the United States Department of Education.

CHAPTER

HOSA refers to a group of members, usually a school or a class within a school and under the guidance of a local chapter advisor as a chapter (not a club).

CLASSIFICATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS (CIP)

The Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) provides a taxonomic scheme that supports the accurate tracking and reporting of fields of study and program completions activity.

COMPETITIVE EVENTS (CE)

HOSA members are encouraged to take advantage of the HOSA National Competitive Events Program, a constantly expanding and improving series of health-related events.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

The CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (FLC)

This gathering of HOSA chapters kicks off the membership year and sets the tone for a successful year.

HEALTH SCIENCE EDUCATION (HSE)

This program of study promotes health career opportunities to students through the integration of health science courses, work-based learning experiences, HOSA activities, and academics.

HOSA - FUTURE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

HOSA is a student organization that provides a unique program of leadership development, motivation, and recognition exclusively for middle, secondary, postsecondary, collegiate, and adult students enrolled in health science, biomedical science, other health-related programs, and/or interested in health professions.

INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PLAN (IEP)

A team of professionals knowledgeable about the student and the parent develops this written statement/plan for a student with a disability, at least annually.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA)

This federal law, reauthorized in 2004, is designed to ensure that all children with disabilities have available to them a free and appropriate public education that emphasizes special education and related services designed to meet their unique needs and prepare them for further education, employment, and independent living.

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (ILC)

The HOSA International Leadership Conference is annually the largest gathering of HOSA members, partners, judges, exhibits, and HOSA supporters, held in the third week in June.

LOCAL ADVISOR

This is an adult who serves in an oversight role for the HOSA chapter and, in many cases, is also the classroom teacher. Each chapter must have an affiliated advisor.

MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS (MRC)

The mission of the MRC is to engage volunteers to strengthen public health, emergency response, and community resiliency. MRC units are community-based and function as a way to locally organize and utilize volunteers who want to donate their time and expertise to prepare for and respond to emergencies and promote healthy living throughout the year.

NAF - BE FUTURE READY

The NAF Academy of Health Sciences addresses the critical achievement gap in STEM fields and develops a pipeline of students prepared to pursue health-related degrees and professions in one of the fastest-growing sectors of the economy, such as biotechnology, genetics, nursing, therapeutics, and diagnostics.

NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR HEALTH SCIENCE EDUCATION (NCHSE)

The National Consortium for Health Science Education is a national collaboration of individuals, organizations, and publishers with a vested interest in health science education.

OFFICER

A motivated student is elected/chosen to lead and serve in a role on a leadership team. There are officers at the local, state, and national levels.

ONLINE CHAPTER AFFILIATION SYSTEM

Local chapters register members using browser technology, generate an online invoice, and submit payment of the invoice directly to National HOSA.

PERKINS

The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act was last authorized on August 12, 2018, as Public Law 109-270. The purpose of Perkins is to provide individuals with the academic and technical skills needed to succeed in a knowledge- and skills-based economy.

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY (PLTW)

Project Lead the Way is a non-profit organization that develops hands-on, project-based science, technology, engineering, and math curricula for use by elementary, middle, and high schools.

STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SLC)

The State Leadership Conference is an annual gathering of HOSA members throughout the state, usually held in the spring.

STATE ADVISOR

This is an adult who leads the state HOSA association and serves as the point of contact for National HOSA and local chapter advisors within their state.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

A group of professionals convened by the HOSA National Competitive Events Team to review and revise HOSA competitive event guidelines as needed, and provide expertise as a technical resource and/or review the addition and/or deletion of competitive events.

WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (WLA)

A HOSA – Future Health Professionals event was held in September in Washington, DC. This event is for local and state officers to receive further leadership and advocacy training.

Detailed definitions can be found at <https://hosa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/HOSA-Definitions-Abbreviations-List.pdf>.

MISSOURI HOSA WEBSITE MAP

WHAT IS HOSA?

- Mission
- HOSA History
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JOIN

- Affiliation Packet

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- Meet Your State Officers
- Brand Design Concept Contest
- State Officer Application
- Scholarship Applications
- HOSA Service Project
- HOSA Week
- HOSA Digital Upload System

LOCAL OFFICER RESOURCES

- Fireside Chats
- Service/Fundraising

ADVISOR ZONE

- Chapter Affiliation
- Conference Forms
- Competitive Event Updates
- Recruitment Videos
- Training Video Series

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CONFERENCES/EVENTS

- Regional Events
- WLA
- FLC
- Competitive Events Workshop
- SLC
- ILC

RESOURCES

- Bylaws
- Fundraising Opportunities
- Informational Packet
- Missouri HOSA Awards
- Missouri HOSA Logo
- Newsletters
- Policy and Procedure Manual
- Scholarship Information

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Lindbergh High School
Rolla Technical Center
Ladue Horton Watkins High School
Frontier STEM High School

Members of the State Officer Team are available for local chapter visits. These visits may be used as leadership training opportunities, membership initiatives, chapter development assistance, fundraiser appearances, and more. To request a Local Chapter Visit, please reach out to the Missouri HOSA State Advisor, Rachel Fisher, at rachel.fisher@dese.mo.gov. Please make all visit requests at least 30 days in advance.

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