

Utah State HOSA

Frequently Asked Questions

How can HOSA help my students during and after high school?

HOSA provides opportunities for members to explore career options, gain real-world experience, and learn leadership skills. HOSA members develop skills that employers are looking for in potential employees. These are the same skills that colleges and universities look for on applications. There is no doubt that HOSA will help students, enhance their education, improve their resumes, and increase their opportunity to apply for scholarships.

How does HOSA fit with my course curriculum?

HOSA provides practical ways for your students to experience and practice what you are teaching them. The HOSA Competitive Events Program provides students the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and knowledge through both written and role-play events. HOSA also holds several conferences throughout the year that give members an opportunity for hands-on experience in the healthcare industry. HOSA is truly an intracurricular organization.

What are the websites for National HOSA and Utah State HOSA?

National HOSA website: www.hosa.org

Go to this website to register for membership, register for the State Leadership Conference (SLC) held annually and the National Leadership Conference (NLC) held in June. You will also find the HOSA Magazine, event guidelines for competitive events, purpose and mission of HOSA, hints to help students excel in competitive events, advisor topics including curriculum and mini courses, information about the structure and leadership of HOSA, participating states and much more.

Utah State HOSA website: <http://www.schools.utah.gov/ate/HST/hosa.html>

Go to this website to find an overview of HOSA, how to form a chapter, current chapters in the state, bylaws, the current calendar, competitive events overview, ideas on how to use competitive events in the classroom, conference registration instructions with the code of conduct and medical liability forms ideas for recognition, and state newsletters . Contact information for HOSA leadership (student and state) is also listed.

Where can my chapter get the money to be involved?

Most schools use a combination of ways to fund their HOSA program. Members pay dues, and participate in fundraising projects. Your district receives funds for each HOSA chapter and can certainly help you with funding to start and maintain your program.

How much are membership dues for the current year?

Membership dues are \$15 per person (students and advisors). Advisors should register as professional member. The breakdown is \$10 for national membership and \$5 for state membership. Each local chapter may charge additional dues which will stay with that chapter. Chapter dues are set in accordance with your district policies.

Where do I submit membership dues?

Membership applications are processed online through the National HOSA Website at <http://www.hosa.org/advisor/local/ChapterAdvisorInternetServices.html>. Print a membership roster and send both roster and payment to:

National HOSA Membership
6021 Morriss Road, Suite 111
Flower Mound, TX 75028

Please note: Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, all dues will be sent to National HOSA.

What does H. O. S. A. stand for?

Prior to 2004, HOSA stood for Health Occupations Students of America. As HOSA and Health Science Education were becoming more comprehensive, the term "Health Occupations" became too limiting for what the organization was becoming. Therefore, HOSA is no longer an acronym, and is identified as "An Association of Health Science Students."

How can I get someone to come and present HOSA information to my class?

Utah HOSA is happy to arrange for classroom presentations from a state officer or staff member. Contact Utah State HOSA at denisea@provo.edu.

How do I get my charter number and password to login?

Contact Denise at denisea@provo.edu.

How much does it cost to start a HOSA chapter?

Utah HOSA does not charge a separate chapter fee; only the membership fees. The minimum cost is the dues for at least five members and an advisor.

A student dropped my class. Will HOSA refund his/her membership dues?

All dues are nonrefundable and nontransferable. The student will still have the benefit of putting “HOSA Membership” on their resume’.

What are the different levels of HOSA?

The three levels are national, state, and local. National HOSA is responsible for the overall structure of the organization and activities (such as the National Leadership Conference and National Partnerships) that affect the organization. The next level is the State level which is responsible for the Fall Leadership Conference, State Leadership Conference, training of new chapters and state officers, and recruitment. The local level is known as the chapter level. This level is where most of the activities surrounding HOSA occur. Remember that HOSA is intracurricular and is easily included into your classroom activities.

What is the Fall Leadership Conference? Who is eligible to attend Fall Leadership Conference? How do I register for the conference?

The Fall Leadership Conference is a time to train the current group of chapter officers by helping them improve their knowledge of leadership skills, competitive events, service projects, and increase their overall knowledge of HOSA. Training is also provided to the new and newer advisors. We also have advisor meetings to provide updates about the organization and competitive events. All chapter officers and their advisors are eligible encouraged and to attend. The Fall Leadership Conference is held in October or November. It is a 24 hour conference. Registration begins at noon and with the opening session beginning at 1:00 pm. The conference will end at noon on the second day. Please refer to the calendar for dates and locations. Registration information is available on the State website at least three months prior to the event. All participants (including advisors, chaperones, parents, and administrators) are required to pay the registration fee. All fees are non-refundable. Substitutions are acceptable.

What is HOSA Week?

HOSA Week encourages Health Science students to become contributing members of their communities through activities conducted during HOSA week. HOSA week is a wonderful time to provide activities to enhance recruitment and retention and promote community outreach activities.

HOSA week activities are designed to: 1) provide school or community service 2) promote opportunities in health care, and 3) show appreciation to the health care community. Activities are planned and implemented that support the mission of HOSA throughout the school and local community. HOSA week is generally the first full week in November. Be sure to review the calendar for dates.

For a list of HOSA week suggestions visit:

http://www.hosa.org/natorg/sectb/idea_from_hosa_week.htm

What is State Leadership Conference? When is the SLC? How do I register?

The State Leadership Conference is held in the spring (March or April) and focuses on competitive events and health education. Please check the calendar for the dates and locations. Students may compete in as many events as do not conflict. The events chart is posted by December, so be sure to review the events schedule. During the State Leadership Conference the new Executive Council (state officers) is organized for the following year. Many educational classes are provided for students to attend when they have completed their competitions. Registration begins at noon and the opening session begins at 1:00 pm. The conference will end at 6:00 pm on the second day. Registration information is available on the website at least three months prior to the event. All participants (including advisors, chaperones, parents and administrators) are required to pay the registration fee. All fees are non-refundable. Substitutions are acceptable. All participants must stay at the conference hotels if they are staying overnight. Registration is to be completed online at the following website:

<http://www.hosa.org/advisor/local/ChapterAdvisorInternetServices.html>. The top three secondary winners of each event as well as the newly elected state officers will have the opportunity to attend the National Leadership Conference. The first place winners and the state officers will receive a \$300.00 travel stipend which may only be used toward participation in the NLC. If the first place winner does not attend, the travel stipend will be given to the second place winner.

Where can I find information about the competitive events?

Each event has an EVENT GUIDELINE sheet which references what is needed for the competition, test plans where applicable, and judging sheets. These EVENT GUIDELINES can be found at the National HOSA website at <http://www.hosa.org/natorg/sectb/index.html>. All members competing in an event should make sure they go to the website to find out the rules and expectations of the event. Competitive events are reviewed in June and in January so make sure you preview the events carefully.

What is a voting delegate?

HOSA is a student led organization. A chosen group of students are selected to represent the entire student body and vote on important issues at the National Leadership Conference. These students are called Voting Delegates. They are generally the state officers, but other students may be asked to substitute when needed. Voting delegates are selected from the chapter membership for voting at the State Leadership conference.

What is the Dress Code?

The students are expected to dress professionally. Please refer to the handout with registration. If you have questions, please contact the State Advisor or Competitive Events Chair. Beginning with the 2010 National Leadership Conference, participants will be required to wear blue or black suits with professional white shirts, young men with collars and ties, and women with closed toed shoes.

What is National Leadership Conference? When is the NLC? How do I register?

The National Leadership Conference is held in June and focuses on competitive events and education. Please check the calendar for the exact dates and locations. Students may compete in one event from the first five competitive event categories and any additional events from the last Recognition Events category. While the focus of the conference is competing against members from across the United States and Puerto Rico, there are many other activities available during the week. During the National Leadership Conference the new Executive Council (national officers) is organized for the following year. Many educational classes are provided for students to attend when they have completed their competitions. All participants (including advisors, chaperones, parents and administrators) are required to pay the registration fee. All fees are non-refundable. Substitutions are acceptable by May 15th. Registration is to be completed online at the following website: <http://www.hosa.org/advisor/local/ChapterAdvisorInternetServices.html>. The participants are responsible for all fees associated with travel to the National Conference. All participants must stay at the conference hotels.

Who are HOSA Partners?

At the state level, our partners include Intermountain Health Care, the Utah Hospital Association, the Army ROTC, ARUP Blood Laboratories, and Davis Applied Technology College.

At the national level, partners include the Army ROTC, NATA, Amazon Books, Awards Unlimited, the National Technical Honor Society, the National Consortium for Health Science, and many, many others. The list may be viewed at the following website:
<http://www.hosa.org/natorg/partnerships/PartnershipLinks.html>