

ILLINOIS *HOSA* 31st ANNUAL STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Please read your packet carefully. There are changes this year in some areas.

Theme: “Believing in Yourself and Inspiring Others To Do The Same”. (Illinois Theme)

2009-10 National Theme: From Simple Scrapes to Failing Hearts, HOSA’s Where The Healing Starts.”

Date: March 17-20, 2010

Location: Decatur Conference Center Hotel, Decatur, Illinois

Registration Fee: \$75.00 per person (students, advisors, and adults)
Registration includes Breakfast, Banquet, and T-Shirt

Hotel Room Cost: \$84.00 + 12% tax for 1, 2, 3, or 4 person occupancy – 4 max.

Deadlines: Registration: February 1, 2010 **NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED.**

Early Registration: January 15, 2010

Candidate Nomination: February 1, 2010

Scholarship: February 15, 2010

Elected HOSA Positions: February 15, 2010

Hotel: March 1, 2010

Competitive Events:

National theme: use for:

- Extemporaneous Health Display
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Extemporaneous Writing
- Prepared Speaking
- Speaking Skills:

Biomedical Debate	2009-10 topic is: “Drug Testing: Should high school students face mandatory drug tests?” The question to be considered in the preliminary round will be based on this year’s topic.
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Medical Reading books: (5):

- Better by Atul Gawande
- Final Exam by Pauline W. Chen
- Gifted Hands by Ben Carson
- Dark Remedy: The Impact of Thalidomide and Its Revival as a Vital Medicine by Trent Stephens and Rock Brynner
- The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch

Researched Persuasive Speaking Topics are:

This year's topics are:

- **America vs. Canada: Who has the best healthcare system?**
- **Advertising prescription drugs**

Prepared Speaking Speaking Skills	The speech topic is the National Theme: ”From Simple Scrapes to Failing Hearts, HOSA’s Where the Healing Starts!”
Public Service Announcement	2009-10 topic is: “Let’s Get Ready, America!” www.ready.gov Ready is a national public service advertising campaign designed to educate and empower Americans to prepare for and respond to emergencies including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks. The goal of the campaign is to get the public involved and ultimately to increase the level of basic preparedness across the nation.
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	2009-10 topic category is: Recent Outbreaks and Incidents

Illinois' Theme will be used for the Essay contest.

Executive Council Memento: Each HOSA Conference Attendee will receive a T-shirt. State pins are awarded to the top 3 winners. Additional pins are available, for purchase, to those attending the National Convention.

Please note the additional charge on XX-L T-shirts.

Dress Code: NAME BADGES ARE WORN AT ALL HOSA FUNCTIONS.

1. Welcoming Session – HOSA or Business attire
2. Competitive events - HOSA uniform or dress code as set forth in National guidelines. Knee-length split skirts may be acceptable, but city "shorts" are not acceptable. Penalty points given for inappropriate competitive attire.
3. Awards Banquet - semi-formal or formal. Absolutely NO JEANS, T-shirts, tennis shoes, or other casual attire!
4. Social - HOSA T-shirt required with casual attire; this year delegates are encouraged to wear their HOSA t-shirt.
5. Closing Session - HOSA T-shirt or other appropriate attire. **Exceptions** - HOSA Executive Officers and Officer Candidates **MUST** be in HOSA uniform. Voting Delegates will be in uniform during the voting session held prior to the closing session.

VOTING DELEGATES: Voting delegates are appointed by local HOSA club membership, according to number of members in the chapter:

1-15 students 1 voting delegate
16-115 students. 2 voting delegates
116-300 students. 3 voting delegates

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Voting delegates should be informed of their responsibilities prior to the conference, so that they can represent their chapter in a responsible manner. **Responsibilities include official HOSA attire.**
2. Voting delegates should wear their delegate ribbons at all times.
3. Voting delegates must always be seated by the assigned times and in designated locations.
4. Voting delegates not seated at the designated time for roll call will forfeit their votes.
5. All HOSA voting delegates must vote at the same time.
6. Voting delegates must remember that they are representing their chapter membership and should get as much input from them as possible and keep their fellow members informed.
7. Voting delegates must attend all VOTING DELEGATE meetings as scheduled during the conference.

Voting & Alternate Delegates are coded on the Name & Event Registration Form: Voting = DE; Alternate = AL

Conduct Code: Each Chapter must have on file, with the Conference Manager, a copy of the Home School Rules covering off campus activities and a signed statement for each person attending the conference, adults/advisors included.

- Only the Advisor's form needs to have the Administrator's name and signature.

Competitive Guidelines: State Competitive Events are run according to the latest guidelines. It is your responsibility to see that your competitors have this information and are prepared for the skill competitions.

- Some contests may be cancelled due to inadequate registration.
- Job Seeking: Electronic submission. Bring copies of resume and cover letter to competition.
- HOSA Bowl: after written round, top 8 teams advance.
- Check the HOSA Fall 2009 magazine for additional competition updates on National HOSA's web site www.hosa.org
- Advisors are reminded that all inquiries about competitions should be directed to headquarters and should follow National HOSA guidelines, including use of the Competitive Event Inquiry Form which may be found in the HOSA Handbook, Section B.

Special Needs Contestants: Competitive events, so noted on the category pages, are for special needs students only. To compete, the student must have on file, with the Conference Manager, the Student Eligibility Form. These forms are included as the last page of the contest rating sheets. **Please return a copy of this form with your registration.**

Meal RSVP: Guests (parents, Administrators, etc.) are welcomed to attend the meal functions. Please reserve the meal by submitting the appropriate dollar amount, found on the Chapter Registration Form. Parents of State Officers and all School Administrators will be introduced at the Banquet. Submit the introduction information on the Guest Information Form

National HOSA Conference: June, 2010, Orlando Florida

National will only allow students to compete in one event in Categories I - IV. Should your student win top honors in more than one event, they must pick one category for National competition.