



To: Florida HOSA Advisors
From: Florida HOSA State Office
Subject: 2023 State Leadership Conference Information
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Dear Advisor:

We hope you and your members are doing well this school year. We want to thank those advisors that have continued to offer HOSA in their classrooms, and especially those chapters that have worked diligently to earn the Guardian Chapter designation!

We continue planning for and working on the State Leadership Conference (SLC), which will take place at the Marriott Orlando World Center, April 13 - 16. Any updates or changes will be posted to the SLC Information Page on our state website (<https://www.flhosa.org/conferences/state-leadership-conference-slc/>).

All student members attending the SLC must have an assignment/function (e.g. in a competitive event, be a Courtesy Corps member or Voting Delegate, be a State Officer Candidate, participate in the Leadership Academy). In order to register members, advisors, chaperones (non-student, aged 25 years or older), and family members/guests (it is the responsibility of the Chapter Advisor to notify family members/guests, administrators, and others with conference information and to register them before the deadline if they would like to attend) for the conference, you will need to use your Charter Number and password to log-on through the Global/National HOSA website and scroll down to the "Conferences" section on the Main Page (detailed instructions for registering on-line are included in this packet). **The deadline to register for this conference is March 3, 2023; the on-line Conference Registration System will automatically close at the end of that day with no late registrations, so please set an automatic reminder on your calendars at least a week prior to the deadline.** All checks and forms must be mailed to the State Office and postmarked by March 6th; the Conference Registration Fee is \$100 for each affiliated student member, advisor, and chaperone (\$50.00 for each family member/guest). **All registration material for a chapter must be sent together in one packet.** A copy of the Registration Summary must accompany your completed SLC Checklist, forms, and check. This report can be downloaded from your chapter's Conference Registration Page on the Global/National HOSA website once on-line registration is completed (please see the enclosed "On-line Registration Instructions" document for details). Code of Conduct, Medical Liability Release, Abuse Prevention Handbook Statement of Acknowledgement and Agreement, and the Volunteer Screening and Training Certification Form may all be downloaded from the Florida HOSA website, www.flhosa.org, under "Conferences" in the red Navigation Bar, and then "State Leadership Conference (SLC)." **If the packet with your payment, Registration Summary, and all forms does not have a postmark of March 6th or before, the school's registration will be cancelled and a Past Due Invoice for the school's Registration Fees will be sent.** Please understand that member affiliation and conference registration are two separate processes; even if a student is affiliated with (a member of) HOSA, that does not mean that he/she/they are registered to attend the State Leadership Conference.

On our website you will also find information to share with your students regarding the State Conference, including the approved conference hotel – the Marriott Orlando World Center, as well as other events taking place at the conference. A "Do List" will be included on the website to assist you. If there are questions concerning any of the forms, please call the State Office directly. **Competitors/Teams attending the State Conference must have competed and placed in the top three at their Regional Conference before advancing to the State Conference.**

Please notice the address for the Florida HOSA State Office (below). **When presenting the invoice to your bookkeeper, please make sure he/she/they note this address when utilizing previously saved records.**

Important Please remember that all student members attending the General Sessions at the State and International Conferences must wear the HOSA uniform or a navy blue/black suit. For females, the uniform consists of a navy blue blazer with matching skirt or slacks, a white button-up blouse, and navy blue or black shoes. The maroon accent is optional. For males, the uniform consists of a navy blue blazer with matching slacks, a white button-up dress shirt, a solid maroon/red tie, and black dress shoes. The HOSA patch may be purchased from Awards Unlimited. Suggested stores to obtain the remaining items are Goodwill, Salvation Army, or J.C. Penney. For the competitive events, the guidelines state, "Competitors must be in official HOSA uniform or in proper business attire." For those events with skill procedures (Health Professions and Emergency Preparedness Categories), competitors may wear attire appropriate to the occupational area during the skill procedure(s). It should be explained to your members that for every General Session, monitors will be standing at each entrance of the ballroom to make sure all students are in the proper attire. Monitors will be permitted to turn members away from entering the session if they are not wearing the HOSA uniform or a navy blue/black suit. The monitors will be members of the Florida HOSA Board of Directors. Additionally, Florida HOSA board members will be stationed by the stage stairs monitoring the attire of all members before they walk on the stage to receive any award/recognition. Members may be withheld from receiving their award until the conclusion of that session.

Hotel reservations need to be made with the Marriott Orlando World Center (Reservation instructions can be found on the Florida HOSA website) before the cut-off date of March 3, 2023; standard rooms will be \$196.00 per night which includes a mandatory Resort Services Package Fee of \$30/night for each room, plus applicable taxes. The resort fee will be added as a separate charge to your room folio. Members and advisors attending the conference must stay at the approved hotel for the **duration** of the conference (Check-in Thursday, April 13 - Check-out Sunday, April 16).

The Tallo website **WILL BE USED** for Secondary and Postsecondary/Collegiate competitors to submit items for the SLC again this year! All items must be uploaded by March 3rd. In addition, all competitors/teams must bring hard copies of materials to the SLC for judges to view. Middle School competitors will not be required to upload materials – hard copies of materials must be brought to the SLC for judges to view. Please review event guidelines and visit <https://hosa.org/competitive-events-and-tallo/> for more information.

Courtesy Corps: The Florida HOSA Board of Directors has made the decision to allow each school to designate only one Courtesy Corps member and that member must assist each day of the conference, Thursday – Saturday. Please send the Courtesy Corps Sign-up Sheet to Jessica Lane (LaneJ@columbiak12.com) on or before March 3rd. If a Courtesy Corps member doesn't complete his/her/their assigned duty, that member's school will not be able to send a Courtesy Corps member to the next year's state conference.

HOSA Leadership Academy: Members are invited to participate in this dynamic program designed to help them grow as leaders. This interactive course will be offered on Saturday afternoon during the conference. Advisors should select this option for any interested members when registering for the conference. The cost of the academy is \$5.

National Anthem Audition: If a HOSA member, advisor, or alumni is interested in being considered to sing the National Anthem at the Opening General Session, please submit a video recording or YouTube link to the State Office on or before Friday, January 27th, as well as a list of events (with dates) at which that person has performed previously. The chosen performer/group will be contacted directly by the Florida HOSA State Office to arrange rehearsal time at the conference.

Conference Information: The following files will be found on the Florida HOSA website under “*Conferences*” in the red Navigation Bar, and then “*State Leadership Conference (SLC)*.” After registering on-line, the files in **bold and highlighted below** will need to be received in a packet sent to the Florida HOSA State Office with a postmark of March 6, 2023, or before, to complete the registration process.

- IMPORTANT DEADLINES
- Official HOSA Dress Policy
- SLC On-line Registration Instructions
- **SLC Checklist (with forms and payment)**
- **Advisors' Code of Ethics/Med. Liability Release**
- **Students' Code of Conduct/Med. Liability Release**
- **Abuse Prevention Handbook Statement of Acknowledgement and Agreement (last page)**
- **Volunteer Screening and Training Certification Form**
- **Eligibility Form**
- Competitive Event Updates
- Voting Delegate Information and Election Procedure
- Hotel Information/Calculation Sheet
- Competitive Event Judge Sign-up Information
- Courtesy Corps Sign-up Sheet
- SLC 2023 Lieutenant & Event Manager Assignment Chart
- SLC 2023 Tentative Conference Agenda
- State Officer Application
- State Officer Election Guidelines
- “Rookie” Advisor Recognition Form
- Local Advisor Recognition Form
- Penny Wars Rules
- Do List for SLC
- Florida HOSA Foundation Scholarship Application Instructions

Recognition Category Events: Please be aware that the deadline for most of the Recognition Category Events is before the SLC. Review the enclosed **IMPORTANT DEADLINES** document carefully.

Competitors who are pursuing the **Barbara James Service Award** only, have the option of whether to attend the State Leadership Conference. Chapter Advisors must verify/approve all their members' hours through the Global/National HOSA website on or before March 3rd. If these competitors choose not to attend the conference, they must still be registered through the On-line Registration System and a Registration Fee of \$20.00 is required; they must not be entered in any other event. Please be sure to also select the proper “Registration Type” (“**Non-Attending Barbara James**”) and competitive event from the pull-down menu (“**Barbara James Service Award**”) when registering each individual. The Barbara James Service Award is the only competitive event to which this policy applies.

The Marriott Orlando World Center is the designated conference hotel. All conference attendees must stay in this hotel. This is important because Florida HOSA must fill a designated number of rooms at the resort per our contract. If we fall below the contracted number because participants stay elsewhere, Florida HOSA will have to pay penalties to the resort resulting in higher registration fees for future conferences.

Competitive Event Responsibilities – We can't do it alone! You will notice on the SLC Checklist document that HOSA advisors must sign-up to assist with the competitive events. Our organization has grown to the point that we must have everyone's help, otherwise the integrity and organization of the events will be compromised. **Thank you in advance for dedicating your time to make the competitive events run smoothly!** Please use the www.signupgenius.com website as outlined on the SLC Checklist and Competitive Event Judge Sign-up documents before March 3rd, unless you are assigned as an Event Manager or Category Lieutenant (Please see the “*SLC 2023 Lt & Event Manager Assignments*” document on the SLC Page of the Florida HOSA website).