

AFFILIATION/DUES QUESTIONS:

- 1. How do I get a charter number and password?**
 - a. Your state advisor will send you one.
- 2. What is affiliation?**
 - a. Each student who aims to become a HOSA student must affiliate with National HOSA through a local chapter.
- 3. When should we affiliate students?**
 - a. It helps to have your students affiliated by end of October so that we can plan for our annual State Leadership Conference. Deadline to affiliate is March 1 of the current school year.
- 4. If I have students joining throughout the year, how do I get them affiliated?**
 - a. Using the same system, you affiliate students as they join. Each time a student affiliates, National HOSA will send you an invoice.
- 5. When is the last day to affiliate members?**
 - a. March 1 of the affiliation year
- 6. How much are dues?**
 - a. Dues are \$20
- 7. Can a student affiliate and then drop?**
 - a. No. Once a student is affiliated they must pay their dues.
- 8. Where to we send the dues?**
 - a. All dues are sent to National HOSA

LOCAL CHAPTER QUESTIONS:

- 1. How often do we meet as a local chapter?**
 - a. At least once a month; however, some meet more often than that.
- 2. When should we meet?**
 - a. Whatever works best for your local chapter
- 3. What do we do at meetings?**
 - a. Practice your competitive events, bring in health care presenters, plan a community service project, bring in university students to present, create a program of work
- 4. How many officers should we elect?**
 - a. As many as you want. I suggest a minimal of two (President and President-elect)
- 5. Do chapters do anything else?**
 - a. Yes. Many will take a group on health facility tours, SCRUBS camps, and other off campus events relevant to health care
- 6. Can local chapters fundraise?**
 - a. Yes, we encourage fundraising efforts; however, your school/s policy regarding fundraising should be followed.

FALL LEADERSHIP LAUNCH ACADEMY:

- 1. What is the HOSA LAUNCH Academy?**
 - a. It's a day-long leadership academy for your local members to attend to learn about leadership styles, collaboration, problem solving, chapter best practices and more.
- 2. When and where is it?**

- a. South Dakota hosts 3 regional academies (USD, LATI, and SDSM&T) on a Saturday in October/November
- 3. **How much does it cost?**
 - a. Depending on the year \$20-30 per attendee
- 4. **Where do we send registration fees?**
 - a. All registration fees are sent to the South Dakota HOSA office.

STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:

1. **When and where is the conference?**
 - a. Sioux Falls. Typically in April.
2. **How long is the conference?**
 - a. Typically, the conference is two days.
3. **How much does it cost?**
 - a. Conference registration is typically between \$40-50
4. **What else is there to do at the conference?**
 - a. The conference offers multiple academic breakout sessions, keynote speaker, banquet, tours, career/college fair, and awards sessions.
5. **Where do we send registration fees?**
 - a. All registration fees are sent to the South Dakota HOSA office.
6. **Is there a dress code for the conference?**
 - a. Yes. Students are encouraged to be in business attire; however, khakis and collared shirts will suffice. No denim and t-shirts.
7. **Are events run the same as Nationals?**
 - a. We try to run them as similar as possible; however, due to our small association, some events are run a little different. However, the rubrics we use at SLC are the same we use at the ILC.

COMPETITIVE EVENTS:

1. **How many competitive events may a HOSA member compete in?**
 - a. Up to two events as long as they are not in the same category. HOSA provides six categories of events. See website for more details.
2. **How are the events organized?**
 - a. There are events for all types of learners. Some events are testing only events while others involve presentations, projects, and procedures.
3. **What is meant by Round 1 and Round 2 regarding events?**
 - a. Some events have a Round 1 (like a test). If there are a lot of competitors, this test determines if you advance to Round 2. However, some events have few competitors and ALL will advance to Round 2.
4. **How do you medal?**
 - a. Competitors must attain a level of quality in order to medal. This standard is set by the average standard at the previous International Leadership Conference scores. The standards vary from event to event. Only medal winners will be called to stage and advance to the ILC.
5. **How do students prepare for competition?**

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- a. Students practice their event during the school year. Students participating in a procedure-based event are encouraged to find a health professional in their community to help them. All events are rubric-based.
- 6. Are events all individual?**
 - a. No. Some involve a partner and others a team of 2-6, depending on the event.
- 7. What are travel scholarships?**
 - a. Travel scholarships have been secured for certain events. These scholarships are awarded to the first place winners who plan on attending the ILC in June to help fray some of the cost.

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:

- 1. Who is responsible for paying for the ILC?**
 - a. The student
- 2. What is the average cost of attending the ILC?**
 - a. It varies depending on travel. If you choose to fly, the cost is approximately \$500 higher.
- 3. Can the member attend by themselves?**
 - a. No. Each member must follow their local school district's travel policy.
- 4. When is the annual ILC?**
 - a. Typically the 2nd to last week in June.
- 5. How many events can a competitor compete in at ILC?**
 - a. One event and one Recognition event

OTHERS:

- 1. What is the mission of SD HOSA?**
 - a. HOSA aims to nurture and encourage students interested in a career in health. We aim to build confidence in the small town student.
- 2. Are there scholarships available for HOSA students?**
 - a. Yes. SD HOSA awards seven scholarships annually and National HOSA also offers scholarships to graduating seniors. Scholarship information can be found on the website.
- 3. What if I have a student who aims to run for state office?**
 - a. Great! We have 6 positions available. Students and guardians should read the State Officer handbook found on our website. Students complete an application using STEM Premier. State Officers are elected during the State Leadership Conference.