

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be South Dakota HOSA-Future Health Professionals. The acronym SD HOSA may be used to designate the organization.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The primary purpose of South Dakota HOSA is to serve the needs of its members, in the following ways:

- Section 1 Provide programs and activities which will develop:
- A. Physical, mental, and social well-being of the individual
 - B. Leadership, character, and citizenship
 - C. Ethical practices and respect for the dignity of work
 - D. Health and Medical Science related skills
- Section 2 Foster self-actualization of each member, which contributes to meeting the individual's psychological, social, and economic needs.
- Section 3 Build the confidence of students in themselves and their work by providing opportunities to assume responsibilities and by developing personal and occupational competencies and social skills that lead to realistic choices of careers and successful employment in the health care field.
- Section 4 Promote inter-organizational relationships with professional groups, businesses, industries, and other organizations.
- Section 5 Recognize achievements of South Dakota HOSA members at the individual, Chapter, Regional, State, or National levels.
- Section 6 Promote involvement in current health care issues, environmental concerns, and survival needs of the community, the state, nation and the world.
- Section 7 Assist each member in establishing realistic career goals.
- Section 8 Assist each local Chapter in meeting the objectives of the organization.

ARTICLE III Organization and Governance

- Section 1 The University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine and South Dakota Area Health Education Center (AHEC) support South Dakota HOSA as an integral part of the middle school, secondary or post-secondary health science education programs.
- Section 2 The organization of South Dakota HOSA will be compatible with that of the National Organization, HOSA.
- Section 3 There shall be a SD HOSA Board of Directors consisting of no less than seven or more than fifteen members that govern the organization, performing duties specified in these bylaws and policies.
- Section 4 South Dakota HOSA is an organization of affiliated Chapters, each operating in accordance with the charter granted by HOSA, Inc.

ARTICLE IV Membership

- Section 1 The total eligible members of the chartered local Chapters shall comprise the membership of South Dakota HOSA.
- Section 2 Membership in a local Chapter shall be open to students regardless of age, race, color, national origin, religious beliefs, or socioeconomic status.
- Section 3 Classes of membership:
- A. The *Secondary Division* shall be dues paying members composed of secondary students who are enrolled in a Health Science program or an organized career awareness program or are interested, planning to pursue, or pursuing a career in the health professions.
 - B. The *Middle School Division* shall be dues paying members composed of middle schools students' grades 6-8 who are interested, planning to pursue, or pursuing a career in the health professions.
 - C. The *Postsecondary/Collegiate Division* shall be dues paying members composed of students not enrolled in high school, have received a high school diploma and /or are pursuing a GED and enrolled in a health science related field at the undergraduate level.
 - D. The *Members-at-large Division* shall be dues paying members comprised of persons otherwise qualified for membership where active HOSA chapters are not yet established. Members-at-large shall affiliate directly with South Dakota HOSA. Members-at-large are not eligible to serve as voting delegates to any conference or seek elected office.

- E. The *Alumni Division* shall be composed of persons who have been a member of HOSA. The Alumni Member shall not be eligible to vote, hold elective office, or enter competitive events.
- F. The *Professional Member Division* shall be a dues paying member participating in professional development of South Dakota HOSA. Such membership includes but need not be limited to Health Science Advisors, Teacher Educators, South Dakota Department of Education Health Science staff and Practitioners in the health and medical services field. The Professional Member shall not be eligible to vote, hold elective office, or enter competitive events.
- G. The *Honorary Member Division* shall consist of individual who has made significant contributions to South Dakota HOSA and may be elected by the Board of Directors by a 2/3 vote to become an Honorary Member. The Honorary Member shall not be eligible to vote, hold elective office, or enter competitive events.

Section 4 Members must affiliate before March 1 of the academic year in order to participate in HOSA events run at the state or national level.

Section 5 Members pay an annual affiliation fee as established by SD HOSA. Additional fees may be assessed by local chapters. Affiliation fees shall be received from National HOSA before April 1 of the affiliation year.

ARTICLE V Chapters

Section 1 Charter to Chapters:

- A. Secondary Charters may be issued to each secondary science education school, private school, or home school.
- B. Post-secondary Charters may be issued to each post-secondary/collegiate allied health and medical sciences related teacher/program or to the school.
- C. Middle School Charters may be issued to each middle school science education school.

Section 2 A school may apply for affiliation as a Chapter with National HOSA, Inc. using prescribed forms when:

- A. An Advisor has been selected.
- B. At least five (5) members have affiliated.
- C. Chapter Bylaws have been adopted.
- D. No provision of the Chapters Bylaws is in conflict with South Dakota HOSA Bylaws.
- E. Planned Chapter activities are in harmony with ideals and purpose of South Dakota HOSA.
- F. Application for Charter is made to the State Association, South Dakota HOSA. Once permanent, Charter will be issued to each Chapter by National HOSA, Inc. through South Dakota HOSA.

Section 3 A Chapter may collect funds necessary for Chapter operation.

ARTICLE VI Finances

- Section 1 The Chapter dues monetary assessment shall be determined by the Chapter consistent with its local school district guidelines.
- Section 2 Each Chapter shall have autonomy in its fiscal affairs except for chapter affiliation dues which are paid to the state and national associations.
- Section 3 All South Dakota HOSA funds shall be disbursed by methods consistent with the policies established by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII State Officers

- Section 1 All of the State Officers, except the President, will be selected at the annual State Leadership Conference. The President's position will be filled by the President-Elect, elected at the prior State Leadership Conference.
- Section 2 State Officers positions must be secondary or post-secondary members at the time of election and at the time of the end of their term. The President-Elect candidate must be willing to serve for two years as this person will serve as the State HOSA President the following year.
- Section 3 Potential State Officers will be interviewed by Board representatives and current State Officers.
- Section 4 The State Officers shall meet the criteria as set in the South Dakota HOSA Policies and Procedures Manual as approved by the Board of Directors.
- Section 5 The officer candidate shall attend the annual State Leadership Conference to seek election as a State Officer. Any secondary or post-secondary member is eligible to seek election to the respective State Officer positions.
- Section 6 A majority may elect.
- Section 7 A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the President-Elect. Any other vacancy shall be filled by an officer from the current team anonymously voted on by the State Officers with the guidance of the Executive Director/State Advisor.

- Section 8 All elected officers must fulfill their duties of office as agreed upon at the beginning of their term. Failure to do so will result in termination of office.
- Section 9 Officers may serve no more than two terms.
- Section 10 State Officers shall be permitted to compete in any competition at any level during their term of office. Officer candidates may compete at the State Conference of the year they are running and may move forward to the International Leadership Conference if qualified; however, that would be their last competition until the year after their officer term was complete.

ARTICLE VIII
Meetings and Conferences

- Section 1 Chapters shall schedule chapter meetings.
- Section 2 There shall be an annual Leadership Academy; the location and date shall be established by the State Advisor.
- Section 3 There shall be an annual State Leadership Conference; the location and date shall be established by the State Advisor.
- A. Assistance in planning and implementation for the State Conference shall be provided by the: State Advisor, Board of Directors; State Officers; HOSA Members; Chapter Advisors; Teachers.
 - B. The number of voting delegates at the State Leadership Conference will be based on the number of members from each chapter;
5-50 members = (1 delegate)
51-100 members = (2 delegates)
101+ members = (3 delegates)
 - C. The majority of the voting delegation registered at the conference shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 4 South Dakota HOSA members shall participate in the HOSA International Leadership Conference each year.

ARTICLE IX
Parliamentary Authority

- Section 1 The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern South Dakota HOSA in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the association may adopt.

ARTICLE X
Amendment of Bylaws

- Section 1 The Board of Directors may approve these Bylaws for amendment by a majority vote, provided that the Board has submitted the proposed amendment(s) in writing to each Board member at least fourteen days prior to consideration.
- Section 2 These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing at least fourteen days before a scheduled meeting by the Board of Directors provided the amendment has been proposed by a Local Chapter, a Division, the State Officer Team or the South Dakota HOSA Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Bylaws amendments will be voted on by Articles and approved by a majority of the South Dakota HOSA Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI
Dissolution

- Section 1 Upon final dissolution or liquidation of the organization and after final discharge or satisfaction of all outstanding obligations and liabilities, its remaining assets shall be disbursed by the South Dakota HOSA Board of Directors to another organization that is in accordance with one or more of the same purposes of this organization or to be transferred to a government instrumentality.
- Section 2 Upon final dissolution, all active chapters prior to the year of dissolution shall receive an equal share of any monies remaining after all obligations of the organization have been met.