

The Experience of a Lifetime..... Running for a National HOSA Office



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Running for a national HOSA office is truly the experience of a lifetime that a candidate will never forget. When a person decides to run for a national office, their week at the NLC is nonstop excitement. Each minute is busy, and you are constantly on the go! From tests, to interviews, to campaigning, to preparing for your speech, you are constantly busy and constantly having fun!

Who can run for a national office? Any person involved in HOSA who is at least a junior in high school and has a 2.0 GPA. Any active member who has the drive, determination, and willingness to give over 100% to represent this organization in the most professional way possible and continue to help HOSA grow in the future.

How do you become an officer candidate? Preparation begins long before you even travel to the NLC. HOSA Advisors receive officer candidate packets that contain several forms to be reviewed and signed by the candidates. They are also responsible for submitting the packet before the May 15 deadline to national HOSA headquarters.

How do you prepare? Any candidate who runs for an office **must** bring with them to the NLC 200 copies of their resume to submit to the Voting Delegates. You can never be too prepared for the NLC. This means bringing extra copies of your speech, prepare for any questions you think you might be asked at the interview, and study for the test. Make sure you read all the rules for the election process, and understand everything before you arrive. If you don't understand ASK.

If you are considering running for a national office, I highly recommend it! If you have any questions my e-mail address is pacovskyhosa@yahoo.com, and I would love to help you any way I can! I had not planned on running for a national office until my advisor convinced me to give it a try, and I'm glad I did. It's been very fulfilling and worthwhile, and it's not over yet. Good Luck!

