



THE OPPORTUNITY *of a Lifetime*

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My brother, a sophomore in medical school, envies my ability to gain experiences in HOSA, a chance he was never introduced to in his high school or college career. The benefits and possibilities of being a member of HOSA are endless. Whether participating in amazing club organizational activities, fulfilling leadership roles in your school and community, or gaining scholarships to accelerate your future, HOSA is an experience to remember.

The lessons learned in HOSA are rivaled by no other organization. Competitive events allow for academic achievement and knowledge that go beyond the classroom. Moreover, individuals are able to train in any specialty to which they aspire. Whether working in an emergency field using CPR/First Aid, or in a clinic learning veterinary assisting, each and every individual is able to find their niche in HOSA. The expertise learned in these fields may then be demonstrated in the competitive events activities. How rewarding it is to successfully display those newly learned skills through competition against the best in the field! In an organization like HOSA those possibilities become real.

Leadership is key in a student-led organization. HOSA strives to ensure every HOSA member gains leadership ability and training. Whether representing your local area at your conference, or representing your state at the Washington Leadership Academy, every HOSA member can be a leader to someone around them. The opportunities to lead in HOSA as well as your schools and communities abound. Anyone and everyone is able

to step up to the plate and take charge of what they believe in. It could be introducing a community service project that is important to you, or spearheading a campaign. Whatever it may be, every HOSA member is a leader in the healthcare field. To start in HOSA is to ultimately end in the healthcare field. To get there, HOSA provides opportunities to pave the road all the way there.

The amount of scholarships provided by HOSA is tremendous. Hundreds upon thousands of dollars provided by various organizations is distributed by HOSA to create benefits for members to fully access their futures. Every member has some opportunity to gain money for college, medical school, or their future careers all provided through HOSA or HOSA partners. HOSA gives the means to supply the best healthcare workers with the best healthcare education. This is key in creating the most effective healthcare team for our future; a goal that HOSA always strives for.

The benefits HOSA membership provides allows members to fully achieve the goals they plan to set for their future careers. All members should strive to take advantage of every opportunity available to them. This will allow individuals to solidify every amount of passion they have for a health career. Through this we can truly make one person's passion another person's hero.

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