



To: Potential Judges

Subject: HOSA National Leadership Conference – Judge Information

HOSA is a student organization that provides health care professionals with an opportunity to tap into Health Science classrooms to reach tomorrow's best and brightest potential health care workers. In 2008, the HOSA National Leadership Conference will bring nearly 5,500 of these young people to Dallas, Texas on June 18-21, 2008.

We are actively recruiting professionals to serve as judges for HOSA National Competitive Events. The events are designed to motivate HOSA members to study, work hard, and achieve a high standard of excellence in a variety of leadership and skill disciplines. Judges are needed to evaluate student performance. The competition dates are Thursday, June 19 and Friday, June 20, 2008.

Are you familiar with HOSA? HOSA is a scholastic student organization that students may initially join in high school if they are enrolled in a health science class or plan to pursue a health career, and may continue to participate in throughout their pre-professional careers in healthcare.

This organization provides students with the ability to develop their knowledge and skills through competitive events and networking with professionals in the health care community. If you would like more information regarding HOSA or the upcoming National Leadership conference you can find complete information online at www.hosa.org.

How much time would it require?

The orientation with meal is approximately an hour and a half – The competitive event lasts 2-3 hours. **Estimated total time between 4 and 5 hours.**

Why am I qualified to judge?

All judge information and answers to the competition questions are provided to the judges before the competition, as well as scoring guidelines. Due to the variety of events, adult professionals with a variety of skills and experiences are needed to serve as event judges.

Am I reimbursed for expenses?

No, however, HOSA does provide a light meal with your orientation. Also, a certificate of appreciation is given to you. And, don't forget the opportunity to meet with students and professionals from across the nation. Your participation can help encourage these students to pursue a health care profession.

Exactly where is it located?

Most events will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel , 400 North Olive Street, Dallas, Texas. There will be 11 events held at off-site clinical facilities in the Dallas area.

We provide precise directions with local telephone contacts in our judge information packets. You will receive confirmation via e-mail from National HOSA when you agree to serve as a judge. You will also be provided with a copy of the event guidelines and judge instructions.

How do I sign up?

Review the event listing and decide which event(s) you would feel comfortable judging. E-mail or mail the Judge Registration Form to the address below, and we will follow up with your specific assignment.

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Judges are needed for the following events:

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| Medical Spelling | Health care professionals are needed to pronounce complex medical terms and judge the competitors on their accuracy in spelling those terms. |
| Dental Spelling | Dental care professionals are needed to pronounce complex dental terms and judge the competitors on their accuracy in spelling those terms. |
| CPR/First Aid or First Aid/Rescue Breathing | Judges for this event must be ARC First Aid instructors or American Heart Association Instructors, or EMTs, or Paramedics, or RNs with emergency certification. The First Aid/Rescue Breathing event is exclusively for students with special needs. |
| Home Health Aide | Nursing professions are needed to evaluate two or more of the following skills: tympanic temperature, apical pulse, emptying a urinary drainage unit, dressing and ointment to broken skin, back rub, denture care, pulling a patient up in bed, and applying TED hose. |
| Sports Medicine | Certified athletic trainers are needed to judge competitors as they perform procedures common to the career field. |
| Veterinary Asst. | Veterinarians or Veterinary Technicians judge competitors as they perform two or more of the following procedures: Position and prepare animal for surgery, fecal floatation, restrain for venipuncture, perform canine CPR, apply gauze muzzle restraint, and identify parasites. |

Clinical Specialty	Health professionals are needed to judge this event where competitors select the health career of their choice – then develop career-related skills, knowledge and work-based experience. Judges evaluate a videotape of a skill or interview the student.
Extemporaneous Health Poster	Judges with art, graphic arts, marketing or similar skills evaluate artistic posters that interpret a health-related topic.
Extemp. Speaking Prepared Speaking	Judges evaluate public speaking skills.
Speaking Skills	Judges evaluate public speaking skills. THIS IS A SPECIAL NEEDS EVENT: Students compete only against other special needs students.
Medical Photography	Judges rate three digital photographs which competitors have taken which illustrate three different careers in health profession.
Researched Persuasive Speaking	Judges evaluate either a written research paper or a persuasive speech as part of this event.
Job Seeking Skills	Judges rate students who participate in a mock job interview for a healthcare position.
Interviewing Skills	Judges rate students who participate in a mock job interview for a healthcare position. THIS IS A SPECIAL NEEDS EVENT: Students in this event compete only against other special needs students.
Extemporaneous Writing	Healthcare and English language experts are needed to judge the written essays in this event.
Career Health Display	Healthcare professionals judge a display and oral presentation related to a health career from a pair of competitors.
Community Awareness	Judges evaluate a project carried out by a HOSA chapter to inform their community about a health issue. A team of judges either evaluates a written notebook documenting the chapter's efforts, or an oral presentation by a team of chapter members.
Biomedical Debate	Health professionals are needed to judge either a preliminary round or an actual debate. Teams will debate on an annual topic. The 2007-2008 topic is " Family physicians should be trained in the use of alternative (complementary) medicine. "
HOSA Bowl	Health professionals are needed to judge team answers to medical terminology and related questions in this "College Bowl" format.
Medical Reading	Health professionals evaluate competitor responses to questions from medically-related and leadership books.

Creative Problem Solving	Competitors are given a real or hypothetical health problem, and must apply the problem solving process to propose a solution to a panel of judges.
Health Education	Health Educators or other health professionals judge a videotape of students delivering a health-related lesson, or they interview the students to evaluate the planning, delivery and evaluation of the lesson.
Forensic Medicine	Teams will be given a case study and asked to identify the time of death, immediate cause of death, manner of death and record their remarks (pertinent observations) about the case that explains why they came to the conclusions they reached.
Public Service Announcement	Judges will evaluate a PSA that brings awareness to a healthcare situation, or educates the public at large in regard to health and well-being. This year's topic is Emergency Preparedness on the School Campus.

The following three events will be held at the ATI Career Training Center at 10003 Technology Blvd, West, Dallas, TX 75220 on Thursday, June 19, from 5 – 9 pm.

Personal Care	Individuals perform patient care skills such as bedmaking, handwashing, positioning, transferring, and measuring TPR.
Medical Assisting Clinical	Individuals perform skills in medical assisting that may include wrapping instruments, medical history, infant height and weight, vital signs, positioning and gloving.
Physical Therapy	Judges will evaluate the competitor on one or more of the following skills: ambulating with a gait belt, walker, cane or crutches; range of motion, and ice pack application.