

# MRC Volunteer Recognition

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**Purpose:** The purpose of this event is to initiate and/or grow a partnership between a local chapter of the Medical Reserve Corps and HOSA chapter members.

**Description** The MRC Volunteer Recognition is designed to encourage individual HOSA members and chapters to participate with the [Medical Reserve Corps](#). This opportunity will promote and support the mission of HOSA, the mission of the Medical Reserve Corps, and the priorities of the United States Surgeon General. The event will consist of HOSA members participating in one or more activities with the Medical Reserve Corps, and then reporting the activity through an online submission process using the HOSA Activity Tracking System.

- Rules and Procedures**
1. HOSA members in this event must be active members of HOSA-Future Health Professionals, in good standing.
  2. Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the "[General Rules and Regulations of the National HOSA Competitive Events Program \(GRR\)](#)."
  3. Members must be officially affiliated through National HOSA before proceeding. Members will follow the [Member Instructions](#) for entering activity information and hours in the [HOSA Activity Tracking System](#).
  4. Chapter advisors will follow the [Chapter Advisor Instructions](#) and [log-in to their chapter](#) to approve or deny hours in the HOSA Activity Tracking System.

Advisors must only approve hours that qualify as noted in these guidelines. It is up to the chapter advisor to determine the process they want to use to ensure the hours were volunteered, so they can confidently follow the instructions to "approve" the hours.

5. The HOSA Activity Tracking System direct link is:  
<http://apps.hosa.org/hosaconf/member-activity/action/MemberActivity.action>
6. **Recipients of this award will be determined by the APPROVED data in the HOSA Activity Tracking System.**
7. For national recognition, this event may include activities from June 1, 2016 – May 15, 2017. Activities must be entered and **APPROVED** by chapter advisors in the online HOSA Activity Tracking System by midnight on May 15, 2017. The number of approved hours in the system is what will be used to identify recognition levels at the International Leadership Conference.
8. For state recognition, this event may include activities from June 1, 2016 to the state published deadline. State Advisors will communicate state-level deadlines. Activities must be entered and **APPROVED** by chapter advisors in the online HOSA Activity Tracking System by midnight on the state published deadline. The number of approved hours in the system is what will be used to identify recognition levels at the State Leadership Conference.
9. Certificates will be awarded to all individual HOSA members who complete a minimum of thirty (30) hours of service between June 1, 2016 and the state conference registration deadline (for state recognition) or as determined by the state advisor. For International Recognition, ILC registered delegates must complete at

least thirty (30) hours of service between June 1, 2016 and May 15, 2017.

10. Member names receiving recognition may be posted on the National HOSA website. Those members will be recognized with a certificate. The certificate will be distributed to the State Advisor during the designated registration time at the International Leadership Conference. Those members attending International Leadership Conference and earning recognition will walk across the stage during the National Recognition Session to receive a pin. Gold, silver and bronze medals are not awarded for this and other recognition events at the national level.
11. Information submitted to National HOSA via the HOSA Activity Tracking System will become the property of National HOSA. Permission is given to National HOSA to share volunteer ideas with health organizations and in HOSA publications.
12. In addition to this recognition opportunity, HOSA members or chapters may compete in the MRC Partnership competitive event. Activities reported as part of the MRC Partnership event may also be reported by individuals or chapters in this MRC Volunteer Recognition opportunity.
13. The primary resource for this event is the Medical Reserve Corps website. <https://mrc.hhs.gov/pageViewFldr/About>
14. QUALIFYING VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:
  - All HOSA activities planned and implemented for this event MUST be done in partnership with the Medical Reserve Corps.
  - Activities must either support the mission of HOSA, the mission of the MRC, or the priorities of the office of the Surgeon General.
  - *The mission of the Medical Reserve Corps is to improve the health and safety of communities across the country by organizing public health, medical or other volunteers.*
  - *The Surgeon General's priorities include disease prevention, eliminating health disparities, improving health literacy, and public health preparedness that can be delivered to schools and/or the community.*
15. EXAMPLES OF VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES  
Volunteer opportunities or activities that support the mission of the MRC may include, but are not limited to:
  - working collaboratively with key stakeholders to help establish an MRC in the local community,
  - working collaboratively with the MRC unit to recruit MRC volunteers,
  - working collaboratively with the local MRC unit to help MRC members meet core competencies,
  - contributing to and participating in local MRC sponsored activities, for example, emergency shelters, flu clinics, health fairs, and disaster drills.
  - attending and participating in MRC meetings.

HOSA partnership activities with the MRC may include, but are not limited to:

  - involving the MRC in the HOSA Competitive Events program at the chapter level as trainers, judges, and expert resources,
  - involving the MRC members in mentoring activities that provide service learning opportunities for HOSA members,
  - involving MRC members as guest speakers at chapter meetings,

- involving MRC members in training opportunities for HOSA members that contribute to knowledge and skill development.

HOSA volunteer opportunities that support the Surgeon General's priorities may include, but are not limited to:

- working collaboratively with the MRC to provide a presentation to school groups on one or more of the Surgeon General's priorities.
- working collaboratively with the MRC to provide training or information in a community setting on one or more of the Surgeon General's priorities.

***How is this event different from MRC Partnership?***

- MRC Partnership involves a team of 2-6 members. The MRC Volunteer Recognition can be earned by individual members. Because it is a recognition event, HOSA members can earn the MRC Volunteer Recognition while still participating in another competitive event.
- MRC Partnership involves three or more partnership activities. The MRC Volunteer Recognition involves one or more partnership activities.
- MRC Partnership involves a judged state competition. The MRC Volunteer Recognition is not judged against others, but instead is awarded when individuals complete the requirements for recognition.
- The MRC Partnership event must be conducted at the state level to be eligible for national competition. The MRC Volunteer Recognition is submitted online and not through the state. Submission reports will be available to local, state and National HOSA through the online HOSA Activity Tracking System.
- MRC Partnership requires documentation in a portfolio. The MRC Volunteer Recognition is submitted online.

***Why have two different events?***

- HOSA members have reported a number of significant partnership activities with the Medical Reserve Corps. HOSA wished to develop a way to recognize and document partnership activities with the MRC, and to encourage participation with the MRC in states where the MRC Partnership event is not offered. This event provides more opportunities for HOSA members, and provides a method for HOSA to collect information about HOSA activities that can be shared with the Surgeon General's office.

***Can partnership activities with the MRC that are part of another HOSA competitive event be claimed for the MRC Volunteer Recognition?***

- YES! HOSA wishes to collect information about individual activities that are done in partnership with the MRC. This event will allow National HOSA to share those activities with the Surgeon General's office in a consistent format.

## Event Flow Chart

