

Health Literacy Ambassador

Event Category: Recognition.....

Eligible Divisions: Middle School, Secondary, & Postsecondary / Collegiate	Recognizes members who increase their health literacy through a series of projects with NLM	Digital Upload: Level 2 presentation public link and upload and supporting documents HERE
Solo Event: Individual Recognition Event		



New for 2026-2027

Instructions for Level 2 access will be provided in the email sent after completion of Level One. Upload of the Level Two presentation and supporting documents is now required. HATS will no longer be used for tracking activities. Editorial changes have been made.

Texas HOSA

This event will only be recognized at ILC

Event Summary

The Health Literacy Ambassador recognition event helps HOSA members enhance their health literacy skills and promotes the use of credible health information. This event supports the Surgeon General's priorities by addressing the threat of health misinformation, which can create confusion, erode trust, harm individual health, and weaken public health efforts. By teaching members how to evaluate the accuracy of health information and by introducing them to MedlinePlus from the National Library of Medicine as a reliable source, the event equips them to combat misinformation effectively. Participation will benefit all HOSA members to ensure how to find and use credible health information.

Sponsorship

HOSA-Future Health Professionals appreciates the sponsorship of this event by the National Library of Medicine Ambassadors .	
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General Event Information

General Rules	Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the General Rules and Regulations .
Level One	1. Competitors will first complete the online module for Level 1. 2. To complete this module, competitors should use a laptop or Chromebook, as it is easier to switch between the two websites used in the module. 3. Upon completion of the module for Level 1, the competitor will be emailed a certificate of completion and instructions to access Level 2. Since many school emails block external organizations, it is recommended that members USE A PERSONAL EMAIL to generate the certificate. Google emails will work even better. 4. Next, members will develop a presentation related to a health care topic covered in Medlineplus.gov. The length of presentation, content of presentation, and style of presentation are at the discretion of the competitor. The potential topics for this

	presentation are limitless—consider what you are passionate about sharing with others. The goal of the presentation is to demonstrate your academic proficiency around the selected health topic. 5. Competitors will deliver their presentation at either a HOSA chapter meeting or during class time to educate their peers on the selected health topic.
Level Two	6. For recognition at ILC, competitors must complete Level 1 and Level 2. 7. Upon completion of the module for Level 1, the competitor will be emailed a certificate of completion and instructions to access Level 2. 8. To complete this module, competitors will be asked to <u>sign in as a guest user</u> in the “DeckToys” platform. Deck Toys is a virtual escape room platform where members will be solving puzzles and answering questions from Medline Plus in order to unlock the subsequent activity. It is challenging, fun and engaging. Members may collaborate with other members in a small group; however, EACH member must have a computer open to complete the activity. Each member will be required to submit for their own certificate at the end. 9. Upon completion of the module, the competitor will be emailed a certificate of completion. Since many school emails block external organizations, it is recommended that members USE A PERSONAL EMAIL to generate the certificate. Google emails will work even better. 10. Next, members will select ONE of the below projects to demonstrate academic proficiency. Members may use www.medlineplus.gov to: - Create a variety of educational posters to be displayed in a local physician's office - Create an article that is submitted to the Chartered Association HOSA newsletter - Create educational materials that are distributed at a career fair, senior fair, diabetes clinic, hospital fair, etc. - Create patient handouts or supplemental information that healthcare professionals or other employers can use. - Create a variety of educational tips that can be shared with others, such as proper hand washing techniques, proper hydration, warning signs of heat illness, etc. 11. Competitors will develop a presentation about the project they created in item and share it with their peers. This presentation can be delivered at either a HOSA chapter meeting or during class time to educate their peers on their selected project. 12. Competitors are to upload their Level 2 presentation and any supporting documents as one combined PDF HERE.
Timeline & Recognition Process	- For international recognition, this event may include activities from June 1, 2026, through May 15, 2027. - Those members attending the International Leadership Conference who completed Level 1 and Level 2 should register for the event. Those who register for the event will be listed first at the Recognition Reception. - For Chartered Association recognition, this event may include activities beginning June 1, 2026, through the Chartered Association published deadline as established by the Chartered Association. The Level 2 presentation and supporting documents as one combined PDF must be uploaded HERE before the established deadline. - Member names receiving recognition will be posted on the International HOSA website. Individuals not attending ILC can contact their Chartered Association to receive their digital certificate. Those members attending the International Leadership Conference and earning recognition will walk across the stage during the identified recognition session to

	receive a pin and a certificate. Gold, silver, and bronze medals are not awarded for this event at the international level. 5. Each State Advisor determines recognition methods at the Chartered Association level.
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Content from Year to Year

Content from Year to Year	Content must be unique and new each membership/school year. Content used in a previous membership year's competition may not be used again. The event intends to improve the members' depth of health literacy knowledge.
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Future Opportunities

The HOSA Scholarship program has funding available for HOSA members who have an interest in various health careers! The application process begins January 1, 2027, and can be found here: <https://hosa.org/scholarships/>.

Graduating from high school or completing your postsecondary/collegiate program does not mean your HOSA journey has to end. As a HOSA member, you are eligible to become a HOSA Lifetime Alumni Member- a free and valuable opportunity to remain connected, give back, and help to shape the future of the organization. Learn more and sign up at hosa.org/alumni.