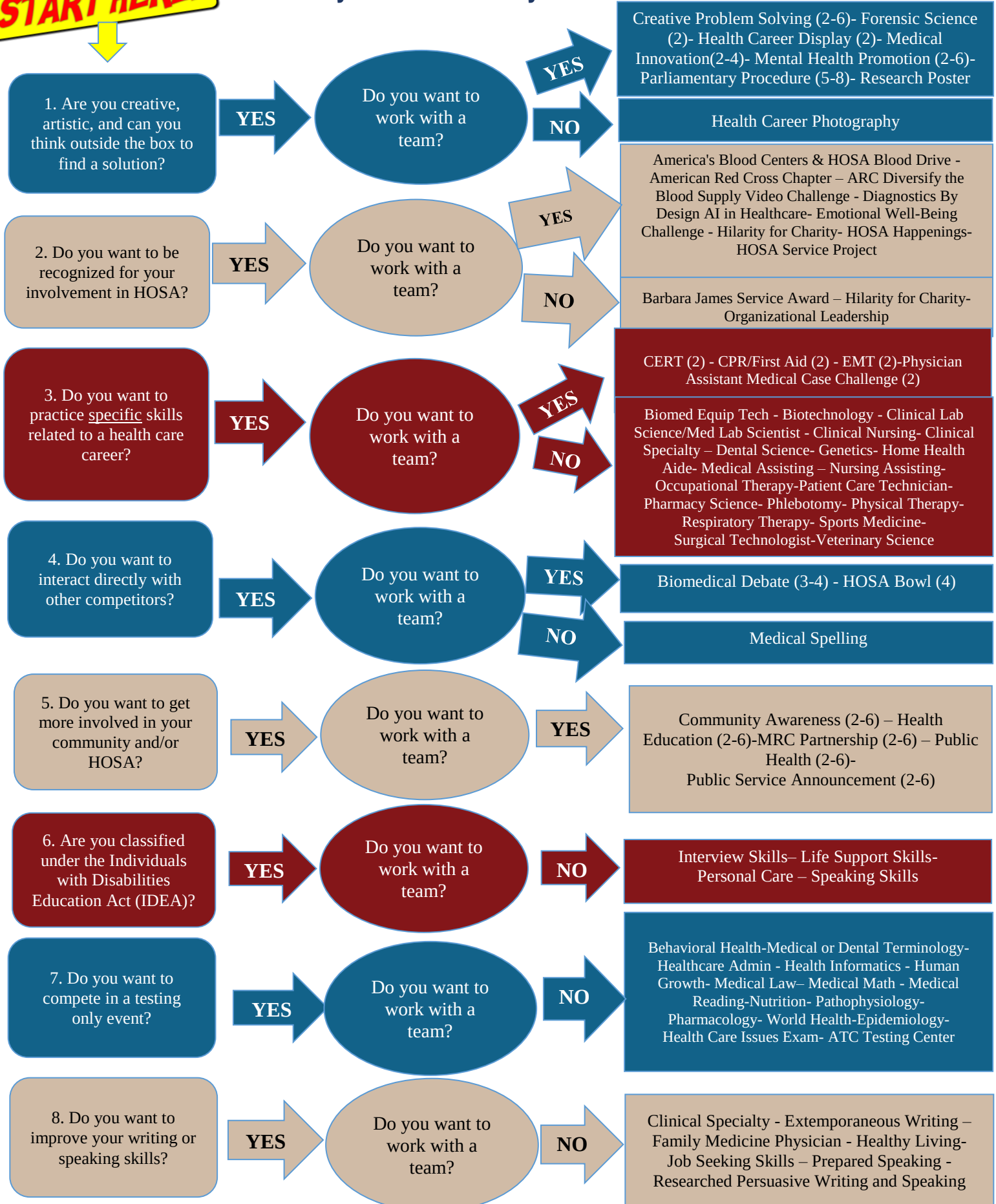


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Health Science Events	
• Behavioral Health • Biomedical Equip Tech • Dental Terminology • Healthcare Admin • Health Informatics • Human Growth and Development • Medical Law & Ethics • Medical Terminology • Nutrition • Pathophysiology • Pharmacology • World Health & Disparities	These events are written tests with tie breaker questions. Competitors select an event, then use the resources in the guidelines to study and take the test for competition.
Medical Math	Competitors will apply mathematical principles to solve problems related to health care in this written test.
Medical Reading	Competitors read the five selected books for the year. A multiple choice test is taken with one short essay tiebreaker. The questions will require the students to apply, analyze, synthesize, and evaluate information from reading the assigned books.
Medical Spelling	Round One is a written test. Round Two is like a traditional spelling bee. Competitors must correctly spell randomly selected words.
Health Professions Events	
• Biotechnology • Clinical Laboratory Science /Medical Laboratory Scientist • Clinical Nursing • Dental Science • Genetics • Home Health Aide • Medical Assisting • Nursing Assisting • Occupational Therapy • Patient Care Technician • Pharmacy Science • Phlebotomy • Physical Therapy • Physician Assistant- Medical Case Challenge • Respiratory Therapy • Sports Medicine	Competitors will complete a written test with top competitors advancing to Round 2 where they will perform skills related to a specific health career. Competitors practice, practice, and practice until they are proficient in ALL the skills in the event guidelines. During the Round 2 skill, competitors perform one or more of the selected skills from the guidelines after being handed a mock scenario from the judge(s). Skill events offer an excellent opportunity to extend classroom learning and to work directly with health professionals in your chosen career field.

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<i>Health Professions Events Cont'd</i>	
• Surgical Technologist • Veterinary Science	
Clinical Specialty	This event consists of the development of a career portfolio and a recorded demonstration of the HOSA student performing a skill related to the chosen career. HOSA members may choose a health related skill that is not already being performed in any other HOSA event. Those advancing to Round 2 will present their journey to judges.
Family Medicine Physician	Competitors will conduct interviews to learn more about family medicine, and then will share their findings with their peers through a presentation. For competition, competitors will present their peer presentation, in addition to what they have learned, to a panel of judges.
*Personal Care	This event is for HOSA members classified under the provision of the 2004 reauthorized Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). It is similar to Nursing Assisting, except a written test is not included. Competitors practice, practice, and practice until they are proficient in all the skills in the event guidelines.
<i>Leadership Events</i>	
Extemporaneous Writing-Health Policy	Competitors have 1 hour to write a letter of support or opposition on the secret topic that could influence relevant policy maker(s) into action.
Health Career Photography	Competitors showcase three photographs taken of different health science careers. Top competitors advance to Round 2 and present their photos to judges.
Healthy Living	Competitors complete the HOSA Healthy Living course, write and follow one SMART goal, documenting their process in a portfolio. The event includes a Round One written test with top competitors advancing to Round 2 where they will present their progress to a panel of judges.
*Interviewing Skills	This event is for HOSA members classified under the provision of the 2004 reauthorized Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Competitors write a resume and personal statement, and then participate in a simulated job interview with judges for a position of their choice, similar to Job Seeking Skills.
Job Seeking Skills	Competitors write a resume and personal statement, and then participate in a simulated job interview with judges for a position of their choice.
Organizational Leadership	This event is for competitors who want to become a Voting Delegate for their chartered association at ILC. Each chartered association may have different processes in place to select their Voting Delegates. All selected delegates will complete requirements and review Executive Council candidate information prior to attending ILC. <i>Voting Delegates do NOT participate in Competitive Events, but may participate in ATC testing events, and Recognition events that do not interfere with their Voting Delegate responsibilities.</i>
Prepared Speaking	This event involves giving a prepared speech to a panel of judges about the Annual HOSA ILC chosen theme.
Researched Persuasive Writing and Speaking	This event allows competitors to take a stand, either for or against a selected topic. Competitors research the topic to gather facts in support of an opinion, write a paper, and then give a speech to a panel of judges.
*Speaking Skills	This event is for HOSA members classified under the provision of the 2004 reauthorized Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This event involves giving a prepared speech to a panel of judges about the Annual HOSA ILC chosen theme, similar to Prepared Speaking.
<i>Teamwork Events</i>	
Biomedical Debate	Teams of 3-4 members will take a Round One written test with top scoring teams advancing to Round 2 where they will participate in a debate-like format. The topic of debate will be announced annually.
Community Awareness	Teams of 2-6 chapter members work within their community to select a health-related issue and then raise community awareness of that issue. The product of the project is a community event, portfolio of activities and a presentation to a panel of judges.
Creative Problem Solving	Teams of 2-6 members will take a Round One written test with top scoring teams advancing to Round 2 where they are given a secret problem related to a health issue to solve. Solutions are then presented to a panel of judges.
Forensic Science	Teams of 2 members will take a Round One written test with top scoring teams advancing to Round 2 where they are given a forensic science case study to analyze. This event may involve the viewing of crime scenes/evidence.

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Teamwork Events Cont'd	
Health Career Display	Teams of 2 competitors develop a display of a specific career in health, share their plan digitally, and top teams advance to Round 2 where they present their findings to judges.
Health Education	Teams of 2-6 competitors select a health-related concept or instructional objective, then prepare a lesson, provide instruction to an audience, evaluate results, and present their experience to judges.
HOSA Bowl	Teams of <i>exactly</i> 4 HOSA competitors take a Round One written test on HOSA knowledge, parliamentary procedure, medical knowledge and current events in healthcare. Top scoring teams then advance to Round 2 where they compete head to head with another team to correctly answer the most questions.
Medical Innovation	Teams of 2-4 people will create original Medical Innovations, share their plan digitally, and top scoring teams advancing to Round 2 will present their original innovation to judges.
Parliamentary Procedure	Teams of 5-8 members will take a Round One written test with top scoring teams advancing to Round 2 where they conduct a proper business meeting, addressing the motions provided in a secret problem.
Public Service Announcement	Teams of 2-6 members will create a 30 second visual PSA to increase awareness of an annually announced healthcare issue or service topic to be shared with a community audience. For competition, teams will present their PSA and process to a panel of judges.
Research Poster	Teams of 2-4 members will pose a research question/hypothesis in an area within healthcare and conduct research surrounding this topic. Teams will create a research poster containing the findings of their research, in addition to presenting this poster and research content to a panel of judges.
Emergency Preparedness Events	
CERT Skills	Teams of 2 competitors will complete a Round One written test with top scoring teams advancing to Round 2 and perform Community Emergency Response Team skills (needed to respond to the community's immediate needs in the aftermath of a disaster, when emergency services are not immediately available). During the skill round, competitors perform one or more of the skills in the guidelines after being given a mock scenario.
CPR/First Aid & EMT	Teams of 2 competitors will complete a Round One written test with top scoring teams advancing to Round 2 and then work together to demonstrate their skills in a simulated emergency situation. During the skill round, competitors perform one or more of the skills in the guidelines after being given a mock scenario.
Epidemiology	Competitors take a written test relating to epidemiology – the study of the effects of health and disease in populations. The event guidelines contain resources to help the HOSA member decide what to study.
*Life Support Skills	This event is for HOSA members classified under the provision of the 2004 reauthorized Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). It is similar to CPR/First Aid, except a written test is not included. Competitors practice, practice, and practice until they are proficient in all the skills in the event guidelines.
Mental Health Promotion	Teams of 2-6 members research mental health needs in their school/community, and develop a social media campaign to address the risk and/or protective factors associated with their community needs. Teams then present their findings to a panel of judges.
MRC Partnership	Teams of 2-6 members develop a portfolio highlighting their chapter's partnership with the Medical Reserve Corps. Teams then present their involvement to judges.
Public Health	Teams of 2-6 members develop and record a presentation to educate the public on a specific topic chosen by HOSA-Future Health Professionals annually. Top scoring teams advancing to Round 2 will then present their full community presentation to judges.
NGL/Cengage Academic Testing Center (ATC) Events	
• Allied Health Statistics • Anatomy & Physiology • Biochemistry • Biology • Career Development • Environmental Health • General Chemistry • Human Heredity	These sponsored events are written tests with tie breaker questions. Competitors select an event, then use the resources in the guidelines to study and take the test for recognition. The tests in the column to the left are sponsored by National Geographic Learning/Cengage.

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NGL/Cengage Academic Testing Center (ATC) Events Cont'd

• Math for Health Professionals • Microbiology • Organic Chemistry • Physics College	
• AAFP Family Medicine Career	This written test with tie breaker questions is sponsored by the American Academy of Family Physicians
• Leadership	This written test with tie breaker questions is sponsored by Corporate Education Resources, Inc. (CERI)
• Occupational Health & Safety	This written test with tie breaker questions is sponsored by CareerSafe

Recognition Events

America's Blood Centers & HOSA Blood Drive	HOSA Chapters earn recognition for organizing life-saving blood drives in partnership with America's Blood Centers.
American Red Cross Chapter Recognition	The aim of this event is to inspire HOSA chapters to engage with the American Red Cross, to become lifelong advocates of the Red Cross, and to recognize chapters for their participation in American Red Cross activities.
American Red Cross Diversify the Blood Donor Pool Video Challenge	HOSA teams of 2-6 members work together to develop a video from a list of topics in the guidelines in an effort to increase blood donations from a diverse population. The American Red Cross also offers scholarships to selected teams with the best videos according to the guidelines.
Barbara James Service Award	This event provides recognition to individual HOSA members for volunteer service in their community.
Diagnostics by Design- AI in Healthcare	ILC Event Only: HOSA teams of 2-6 members analyze a provided topic and develop Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning for the healthcare setting. Round One will consist of a video "trailer" produced by the team to convince a panel of judges to view their Round Two full presentation. In Round Two, teams will present their functional solution to a panel of judges.
Emotional Well-Being Challenge	HOSA teams of 2-6 members work together to develop a project, presentation, and evaluation tool which will be targeted and presented to a specific audience to improve their social emotional wellness.
Healthcare Issues Exam	HOSA members take a written test measuring their knowledge of current health issues. All members who reach a mastery level are awarded Certificates of Achievement.
Health Literacy Ambassador	HOSA members will complete modules to enhance their health literacy skills and the responsible use of credible health information. Upon completion of the module for Level 1, the competitor will be emailed a certificate of completion and instructions to access Level 2.
Hilarity for Charity A & B	This event contains two pathways; (A) for individuals and (B) for chapters. Hilarity for Charity (HFC) is equipping members with essential knowledge to promote brain health through its engaging platform, HFCUniverse. This recognition event celebrates participants who have successfully completed the educational program and/or joins in HFC's Youth Movement Against Alzheimer's (YMAA) who are now better prepared to make a meaningful impact in the fight against Alzheimer's.
HOSA Happenings	This event is a multimedia chapter communication event. Chapters tell their story using a media platform of their choice. Chapters who meet the requirements will be awarded a Certificate of Excellence.
HOSA Service Project	Local HOSA chapters plan service projects to support the selected health organization HOSA partner. 2026-2027 Service Organization: NMDP

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Note: Event names beginning with 'Foundations' are limited to Middle School students only.