

# Community Awareness Competitor Orientation



IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPETITOR TO KNOW AND FOLLOW THE EVENT GUIDELINES AND [TEXAS HOSA GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS](#).

FOR COMPLETE GUIDELINES, REFER TO [WWW.HOSA.ORG](http://WWW.HOSA.ORG)

FOR TEXAS HOSA AREA SPRING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, THE COMPETITORS/TEAM MUST PROVIDE

- [Photo ID](#)
- The following item(s) **MUST** be uploaded by ONE member of the team to the **HOSA Digital Upload System** by the published area spring leadership conference deadline.
- Portfolio-as one combined pdf file
- Detailed instructions for uploading materials can be found at: <https://hosa.org/competitive-event-digital-uploads/>
- One team member **will bring two stapled hard copies of the portfolio contents to the conference for use by the judges** in addition to the portfolio uploaded to HOSA Digital Upload System. **These copies should NOT be in a folder/binder.** Failure to bring the hard copies for the judges to use will result in a **loss of the portfolio points** on the rating sheet.
- Index cards or electronic notecards (optional)

## COMPETITOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Competitors will report to the event room no more than 15 minutes before their appointment time.
- Competitors must provide any items listed in the “Competitors Must Provide” list found above.
- **Failure to upload to the HOSA Digital Upload System by the stated deadline will result in a 35-point deduction from the final score. Points will be deducted in Tabulations.**
  - **NO EXCEPTIONS:** Texas HOSA **STRONGLY** suggests not waiting until the last minute to upload online to avoid user-challenges with the system.

## APPOINTMENT TIMES

- **There will be no holding room for this event.** An appointment time will be assigned to each team and will be **posted outside of Competitive Event Headquarters.**
- Teams will arrive at the event check-in table no earlier than 15 minutes prior to the appointment time.

EVENT PROCESS-REFER TO THE COMMUNITY AWARENESS ILC GUIDELINES AT [WWW.HOSA.ORG](http://WWW.HOSA.ORG)

- **DIFFERENCE IN EVENT PROCESS IN TEXAS FROM THE ILC EVENT GUIDELINES**
  - The uploaded portfolio will not be pre-judged in Texas as they are at the ILC. However, it still must be uploaded by the stated deadline. Failure to do so will result in a 35-point deduction. Texas HOSA **STRONGLY** suggests that competitors not wait until the last minute to upload online to avoid user-challenges with the system because there will be **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
  - If the competitor does not bring the hard copies of the portfolio, it will not be judged, and the competitor will not receive the points on the rating sheet that pertain to the portfolio.

NOTE TO COMPETITORS WHO QUALIFY FOR THE TEXAS HOSA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:

- You are required to **re-upload** materials to the **MUST** be uploaded by **ONE** member of the team to the HOSA Digital Upload System by the published **STATE** leadership conference deadline.

#### **TEXAS HOSA ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY**

- While competitors can have their cell phones, smart watches, etc. with them, they must be in the off position and stored with their personal items. The competitor may not touch the devices at any time during the event. There will be consequences for doing so. Be sure to turn off your devices and put them away before entering the room. **EXCEPTION: use of cell phone for electronic note cards.**