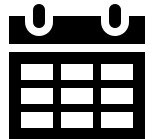




2021 Virtual Texas State Conference Extemporaneous Writing

TIMELINE

- March 3:** 2021 Virtual Texas State Conference Registration Deadline
- March 4:** Testing Login Credentials emailed to advisors for distribution to students
- March 8:** Online Testing for all events-EW Essay will be within the testing platform (8:00 am to 5:00 pm CST)
- March 17:** Conference registration fees due
- March 24:** Virtual Opening Session (see full schedule for the time)
- March 26:** Virtual Grand Awards Session (see full schedule for the time)



GUIDELINE MODIFICATIONS: View rubric [HERE](#)

- Extemporaneous Writing will be done as part of the online testing platform.
- The Secret Topic will be entered into the online test as a “question” and competitors will be asked to type their essay as a “response” within the online platform.
- Since the essay will NOT be typed in Word, all points for formatting requirements have been removed from the modified rubric.
- Competitors will take the test (write their essay) in the online testing system anytime in the 9-hour window on March 8. (8:00 am to 5:00 pm CST)
- The same 60-minute time limit still applies, as in the original guidelines, and the testing system will automatically countdown time remaining.
- Reminder – all essays will be checked for plagiarism, so be sure the work is 100% your own content.
- Go to **testing.hosa.org** to access the testing system. Login credentials will be emailed to the local chapter advisor for distribution to the students by March 4.
- Tests can be taken on a smartphone, tablet, or computer.
- Please click [HERE](#) for online testing instructions..
- Tests will be open for a 9-hour window. You can login to test anytime during these 9 hours.



TECHNOLOGY NEEDS



TESTING

- Tests can be taken on a smartphone, tablet, or computer.
- If you have any issues logging in, accessing online testing, or if you did not receive your password and login information via email by March 4, please call the CE Helpline at 1-877-728-0150 or email texashosa@texashosa.org **immediately**.

SECURITY & ETHICS

- All competitors are required to review the 2021 Texas HOSA State Conference Security and Ethical Statement found [HERE](#).

DRESS CODE

- As Future Health Professionals, HOSA members should present themselves in a professional manner for all recorded video presentations and/or live events as part of the 2021 Texas HOSA State Conference; however, dress code bonus points will not be awarded this year.