

Health Literacy Ambassador

Recognition Event

Eligible Divisions: Middle School, Secondary & Postsecondary / Collegiate	Recognizes members who increase their health literacy through a series of projects with NLM	Digital Upload: Uses HOSA Activity Tracking System to track project completion
Solo Event: Individual Recognition Event		



New for 2024 – 2025

Health Literacy Ambassador is a new recognition event.

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 is appreciative of the sponsorship of the Health Literacy Ambassador event by the National Library of Medicine Ambassadors.



General Rules

1. Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the [General Rules and Regulations](#).

Recognition Levels

2. There will be two levels of individual recognition in this event:
 - a. Level 1 Silver recognition
 - b. Level 2 Gold recognition
3. Competitors have the option of completing only Level 1 Silver recognition OR completing both Silver and Gold levels. To earn Level 2 Gold recognition, BOTH levels must be completed.

Level 1: Silver Recognition

4. Competitors will first complete the online module for Level 1 Silver recognition: https://www.nlm-ambassadors.com/level_1_certification/
5. 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.
6. 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.

7. Next, members will develop a presentation related to a health care topic covered in [Medlineplus.gov](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/). 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.
8. Competitors will deliver their presentation at either a HOSA chapter meeting or during class time to educate their peers on the selected health topic.
9. Upon completion of BOTH the certificate and presentation project, competitors will enter these activities in the HOSA Activity Tracking System (HATS) following the instructions below.

Level 2: Gold Recognition

10. After completing the Level 1 Silver recognition, competitors have the opportunity to take their learning to the next level by completing the Level 2 Gold recognition.
11. Competitors will complete the online module for Level 2 Gold recognition: <https://deck.toys/zmd-rzjh-mbj>
12. To complete this module, competitors will be asked to sign in as a guest user 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.
13. 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.
14. Next, members will select **ONE** of the below projects to demonstrate academic proficiency. Members may use [www.medlineplus.gov](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/) to:
 - a. create a variety of educational posters to be displayed in a local physician's office
 - b. create an article that is submitted to the state HOSA newsletter
 - c. Create educational materials that are distributed at a career fair, senior fair, diabetes clinic, hospital fair, etc.
 - d. 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.
 - e. create patient handouts or supplemental information that healthcare professionals or other employers can use.
15. Competitors will develop a presentation about the project they created in item #14 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
16. Upon completion of the certificate, project, AND presentation, competitors will enter these activities in the HOSA Activity Tracking System (HATS) following the instructions below.

Tracking Activity:

17. This event uses the HOSA Activity Tracking System (HATS) to document activities. The direct link to HATS is: <https://apps.hosa.org/#member-activity/input>
18. Members must be officially affiliated through HOSA – Future Health Professionals before proceeding. Members will follow the [Member Instructions](#) for entering activity information in the [Member Activity Tracking System \(HATS\)](#).

19. Chapter advisors will follow the [Chapter Advisor Instructions](#) and [log-in to their chapter](#) to approve or deny the activities in the HOSA Activity Tracking System. Best practice: Advisors should ask to see a copy of the competitor's Level 1 Silver and/or Level 2 Gold certificates prior to their project presentations. If advisors see the certificate and the presentation, they can feel confident APPROVING the activities in HATS.
20. **The recipients of this award will be determined by the APPROVED data in the HOSA Activity Tracking System.** If an advisor doesn't log in to approve their members' activities, those activities will not be counted.
21. Competitors should enter the following information into HATS for each recognition level they complete.

For Level 1 Silver Recognition: HATS Entry #1

Date of Activity: enter the date the online certification was completed by competitor

Activity: enter "completed Level 1 Silver certificate."

Activity Code: select "Health Literacy Ambassador" from the dropdown

Hours: enter "1"

For Level 1 Silver Recognition: HATS Entry #2

Date of Activity: enter the date when the competitor gives the presentation to their chapter/classroom

Activity: enter "completed Level 1 Silver presentation."

Activity Code: select "Health Literacy Ambassador" from the dropdown

Hours: enter the number of hours the competitor spent preparing and delivering the presentation (the hours do not matter for recognition level but will be used by HOSA for data metric purposes)

For Level 2 Gold Recognition: HATS Entry #1

Date of Activity: enter the date the online certification was completed by competitor

Activity: enter "completed Level 2 Gold certificate."

Activity Code: select "Health Literacy Ambassador" from the dropdown

Hours: enter "2"

For Level 2 Gold Recognition: HATS Entry #2

Date of Activity: enter the date when the competitor shares their project and presentation to their chapter/classroom

Activity: enter "completed Level 2 Gold presentation."

Activity Code: select "Health Literacy Ambassador" from the dropdown

Hours: enter the number of hours the competitor spent preparing the project materials and delivering the presentation (the hours do not matter for recognition level but will be used by HOSA for data metric purposes)

Timeline

22. For Chartered Association recognition, this event may include activities beginning June 1, 2024, through the Chartered Association published deadline as established by the Chartered Association. Activities must be entered and APPROVED by chapter advisors in the online HOSA Activity Tracking System by midnight on the Chartered Association published deadline.
23. For international recognition, this event may include activities from June 1, 2024, through May 15, 2025. Activities must be entered by the members and **APPROVED** by chapter advisors in the online HOSA Activity Tracking System (HATS) by midnight on May 15, 2025. The approved activities identifying GOLD or SILVER levels in the system are what will be used to identify recognition levels at the International Leadership Conference.

Recognition

24. Member names receiving recognition will be posted on the National HOSA website and will receive a certificate. The certificate will be distributed to the State Advisor during the designated registration time at the International Leadership Conference. Those members attending the International Leadership Conference and earning recognition will walk across the stage during the identified award/recognition session to receive a pin. Gold, silver, and bronze medals are not awarded for this event at the international level.

25. Recognition methods at the state/association level are determined by each state advisor.

Content from Year to Year

26. 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 intent of the event is to improve the members' depth of health literacy knowledge. If a violation is discovered, the advisor should not approve the HATS submission.