

## 2021 Virtual Texas State Conference MEMO

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Texas HOSA Board of Directors has voted to hold the 2021 State Conference in a virtual format.

**Conference Schedule [HERE](#)**

### Registration Deadline for All Areas

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 11:59 pm CST

### Registration Fee (competitors only)

\$30.00 Middle School competitor

\$30.00 Secondary competitor

\$30.00 Post-Secondary competitor

Advisors do not need to register

### T-Shirts

All students that are registered for the conference will receive a t-shirt. Advisors do not forget to enter the t-shirt sizes for your students. T-shirts will be shipped to the school. Advisors will need to formulate a plan for distribution.

Advisors will be able to order a t-shirt for themselves by registering for the conference, at no charge for registration, then select the advisor t-shirt size. The cost will be 15.00 for an advisor t-shirt.

Registration fees due **Wednesday, March 17, 2021**

Make checks payable to

HOSA, TA  
P. O. Box 640  
Monahans, Texas 79756

**No PO's or cash will be accepted. At this time we are unable to accept credit card payments. You are required to pay a registration fee for each student you have registered online. No deletions or refunds will be made after the conference registration deadline.**

### Generating your Invoice

The invoice will not be automatically emailed to the advisor. HOSA Advisors should log in and print their own invoice. Please see the image below. If more students are added to the initial conference registration, a separate invoice for those added students should be generated by the advisor.

The screenshot shows the HOSA registration system interface. At the top, there are navigation menus for Membership, Conferences, Reports, and Help. The current page is titled '2021 Virtual Texas Area 6 Conference Registrations for'. Below this, there is a 'Registration Summary' table and a 'Registrations' table. A dropdown menu is open for a registration with ID 1233985, showing options like 'Generate Invoice for Recent Registrations', 'Invoice #99456747', and 'Registration Summary'. The 'Generate Invoice' option is circled in red.

Attendees	Options/Activities	Events	Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance
49	49	62	\$735.00	\$0.00	(\$735.00)

ID	Name	Type	Registration Details and Fees	Total Fee
1233985		SS	Secondary Registration	\$15.00
			Healthcare Issues Exam	
			T Shirt MEDIUM	\$15.00
			Secondary Registration	\$15.00

### Event Guidelines

All Competitive Event guidelines can be found [HERE](#). Competitors should prepare for competition by studying these guidelines. However, competitors are NOT required to show a copy of the guidelines at the 2021 Virtual Texas State Conference.

### Event Guidelines – Modifications for Virtual

While the main event guidelines still apply for all events, some events have required event modifications to work on the 2021 virtual conference platform. A summary of all event modifications can be found on the Texas HOSA website.

### Security and Ethics

All competitors are required to review the 2021 Texas HOSA Virtual 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 2021 Texas HOSA Virtual State Conference, however, dress code bonus points will not be awarded this year.

### Competitor Orientations

There will be no Competitor Orientations as part of 2021 Virtual Texas HOSA State Conference.

### Login Credentials

For the 2021 State Conference we will be sending all Login Credentials for all online tests to the chapter advisors. Advisors will then share this information with competitors.

### Wufoo - Middle School Division

### Tallo - Secondary & Post-secondary/Collegiate Divisions

Many events require materials to be uploaded to Tallo or Wufoo. Be sure to check your event guidelines for what is required – as well as the Virtual Event Information Sheets. To be judged, all materials must be uploaded to Tallo or Wufoo by March 3, 2021. If the required items are not uploaded to Tallo or Wufoo, judges will not be able to judge anything! **Only one team member must upload to Tallo/Wufoo.** For more information, read your event guidelines and the Virtual Event Information Sheets.

### Know the GRRs

GRR stands for “General Rules and Regulations.” All competitors are expected to know these rules and be familiar with them, as they apply to all events. These rules can be found at <http://www.hosa.org/GRR>.

### Testing

All 2021 Virtual Texas HOSA State Conference tests will be taken online via a tablet, or computer. Tests will be open book/open notes. Reminder, all competitors must review the Security and Ethical Statement, especially as it relates to online testing. For all team testing events (CERT, EMT, CPR, BD, CPS, DD, HB, PP, and FS), **all team members must take the test within one (1) hour of each**

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**other.** Tests are electronically time-stamped when the competitor begins, and Texas HOSA will be monitoring to ensure team members all begin the test within 60 minutes of the first team member to log-in. Coordinate with your team members to take the test within 60 minutes of each other, within the scheduled 9 hours that each test is open. Please review the Testing Instructions [HERE](#).

### Video Recorded Presentation Guidelines

For events that now require you to upload a video of your event presentation/speech, we have developed some guidance to help you be successful with this. Please review the information [HERE](#). The length of presentations will be the same as the original guidelines unless otherwise noted.

### Zoom Links

For the 2021 State Conference we will be sending all zoom links to the chapter advisors for all live events. Advisors will then share this information with competitors.

### Participant Safety on Zoom

Participant safety is a top priority for HOSA. Zoom.us is the video and virtual conferencing platform that will be used to conduct many 2021 Virtual Texas HOSA State Conference components, including competitions and area officer candidate interviews. Several restrictions will be used to protect participants in the platform. Every individual competition room used will have a unique passcode. That passcode will only be made available to judges and participants in that round. The ability to use Zoom backgrounds will be turned off. The ability to share screens and file share through the chat will be turned off. Waiting Room features will be turned on for all events, so only authorized competitors and staff will be granted access. The Private Chat feature will be disabled to prevent communication that event moderators cannot see. All judges and competitors will be given a strict naming process that must be used in each event (e.g. Competitor Suzy Smith) so that all persons may be easily identified. Finally, conference staff and competitive event volunteers will be monitoring all zoom rooms during competition. They will quickly remove anyone violating competition policy. Competitors may report disruptions to the conference helpline, where staff will be prepared to handle any problems immediately.

## **Recognition Events, Organizational Leadership and Scholarships**

**All Recognition Events, Organizational Leadership and Scholarships will be announced at Opening Session**

### **Barbara James Service Award**

Member activities must be entered and APPROVED by chapter advisors in the online HOSA Activity Tracking System by March 3, 2021. Members will be recognized with a certificate.

### **HOSA Service Project**

Chapter activities must be entered and APPROVED by chapter advisors in the online HOSA Activity Tracking System by March 3, 2021. Certificates of Recognition and Merit chapters will be recognized with a certificate.

### **HOSA Happenings**

Submissions to TALLO- Cover page and content must be uploaded as a single document, pdf preferred, by ONE member of the chapter by March 3, 2021. Chapters newsletters meeting 70 points on rating will be recognized with a certificate.

### **Healthcare Issues Exam**

This event aims to inspire members to be proactive future health professionals and stay informed about current issues in the healthcare field. Competitors will retest for Healthcare Issues Exam for state conference. 222 top competitors will advance to ILC.

### **Outstanding Texas HOSA Advisor**

Texas HOSA will give special recognition to one (1) Secondary HOSA Advisor, one (1) Postsecondary/Collegiate and one (1) Middle School HOSA Advisor. Nominations may be emailed to [Texashosa@texashosa.org](mailto:Texashosa@texashosa.org) by March 3, 2021. Nomination form can be found [here](#)

### **Outstanding State Officer**

HOSA will give special recognition to one (1) HOSA State Officer. All applicants must create a TALLO profile and complete all of the requirements listed in Tallo to apply for the [Texas HOSA Karen Batchelor's Outstanding Texas HOSA State Officer](#). Deadline to upload to Tallo is March 3, 2021.



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### **Blood Drive**

All chapters who complete a minimum of 99 units drawn between March 1 of the previous year and March 1 of the current year will be recognized.

Chapter advisor will email to [texashosa@texashosa.org](mailto:texashosa@texashosa.org) include in email Verification Letter provided by Blood Bank and [Blood Drive form](#).

### **Scholarships**

Theodora Y. Justice Memorial State Scholarship-the recipient of this scholarship must be a graduating high school senior or a postsecondary/collegiate student with one year of studies remaining. All applicants must create a TALLO profile and complete all of the requirements. For more information visit

<https://texashosa.org/wp-content/uploads/Section-F-HOSA-Scholarship-1.pdf>

Deadline to upload application to Tallo is March 3, 2021

### **Organization Leadership**

The purpose of the event is two-fold:

To assist with the selection process of Voting Delegates to represent Texas HOSA at the International Leadership Conference (ILC) and to encourage HOSA members to develop and apply their knowledge of HOSA and Parliamentary Procedure while serving as an official Voting Delegate.

Each chapter may register up to 2 members for the Organizational Leadership Test. For more information click [here](#).

Top 20 Competitors will advance to ILC as Texas HOSA voting delegates, and will receive a Texas HOSA Voting delegate pin.

### Officer Information

- Information on applying for state/area office and documents needed to upload to Tallo can be found in Advisor Handbook [Section E](#), For more detailed information and instructions on running for state/international office, [VISIT THIS PAGE](#).

### Voting Delegates

Each chapter may register one voting delegate for state conference. TWO emails will be sent to chapter advisors for distribution to Voting Delegates for the State Business Session on March 25,2021 @10:00am.

- **Voting Delegates must be available to attend the Business Session, March 25, at 10:00am-11:30am**
- Zoom Invitation email for Voting Delegate Check-in and orientation
- Simply Voting Credentials email containing log-in information for using the voting platform.
- If you do not receive these emails, **check with the chapter advisor first**, then, if necessary, contact [kelly.cowan@texashosa.org](mailto:kelly.cowan@texashosa.org) by March 24.
- More information can be found [here](#).