



# 2021 Virtual Texas Area Conferences Prepared Speaking



## TIMELINE

**January 6:** 2021 Virtual Texas Area Conference Registration Deadline for all areas

**January 13:** Speech video upload due to Tallo by 11:59 pm CST

**January 15:** Virtual Opening Session (see full schedule for the time)

**January 20:** Conference Registration fees due

**February 10:** Virtual Grand Awards Session (see full schedule for the time)

## GUIDELINE MODIFICATIONS: View rubric [HERE](#)



- Competitors will record a video of their speech for judges (the one they normally would give in person)
  - Very specific directions for the Recorded Video Presentations have been created. Read this information in detail [HERE](#)!
- Competitors will upload a link to their speech video to the Prepared Speaking event opportunity on Tallo – following the instructions outlined on the [HOSA/Tallo Instructions Page](#)
- Uploads must be complete by January 13. The uploaded video speech is what the judges will use to score competitors.
- If you do not upload your materials, there is no content to be judged, therefore no score will be given. Judges will receive the speech videos on January 13, so if you miss the January 13 upload deadline, your speech will not be sent to judges.
- Pro Tip #1: Practice uploading your links to Tallo prior to the January 13 deadline. You can upload materials to the event opportunity in Tallo, and then delete/edit/re-upload materials up until the January 13 deadline.
- Pro Tip #2: Do not wait until the last day to upload. Try to upload your materials before the deadline. If something goes wrong, you have time to troubleshoot!



## **TECHNOLOGY NEEDS**

- Competitors will need to upload their video of the speech to Tallo – a smartphone, tablet, or computer are needed to upload.
- If you have any issues uploading, please email Texas HOSA, well before the January 13 deadline at [texashosa@texashosa.org](mailto:texashosa@texashosa.org).

## **SECURITY & ETHICS**

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