



Texas HOSA Handbook: Section L Inspire Fund

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Inspire Fund

The Texas HOSA Board of Directors understands that unforeseen circumstances and hardships are faced by our members today. We are here to help you!

The Texas HOSA: Future Health Professionals currently has funds available for eligible chapters to help pay for Texas HOSA membership (up to \$500) and LDI registration, if applicable. The Inspire Fund is made available through donations from the Texas HOSA Board of Directors.

***Funding is available on a first come, first served basis until the fund is depleted.**

Who can apply for Inspire Funds:

- Individual student's membership for one year which includes state and national affiliation fees (for those requiring financial assistance). Students must be in an active HOSA chapter.
- Advisors with a new HOSA chapter or chapters with a financial hardship.
- Individual LDI Registration (area/state officer, advisors, or board members).

Eligibility categories are:

- 1) A school that has never before had a Texas HOSA Chapter and there is no school or community financial support available to pay for membership. This requires the principal's signature for verification.
- 2) A school that has had an active Texas HOSA chapter but is currently experiencing economic hardship and there is no school or community financial support to pay for membership. This requires the principal's signature for verification.
- 3) A school that has a HOSA Chapter but has a student that is unable to pay the membership fees for the current membership year. This requires the principal's or collegiate, parent and advisor's signature for verification. Only 10 members per chapter can ask for individual assistance. If an advisor has asked for chapter financial assistance, individual members may not qualify for funding.

Completing the Inspire Fund Application

The following information will help you when completing the three questions on the Inspire Fund application. These must be completed on a separate page.

Eligibility: A statement from the applicant that school district funds and/or community financial support are not currently available to pay for membership is adequate. If applying due to extreme economic hardship, please provide adequate documentation to describe the situation. For example, hardship due to a natural disaster or other extenuating circumstances beyond your control.

Future Plan: A future plan for paying membership fees might include a presentation to a community group to ask for funding (PTA, Lions Club, etc.), or a fundraiser held at the end of the school year to raise dues for membership.

Texas HOSA Inspire Fund Application

School Name: _____
(Indicate High School/College/University)

Advisor Name: _____

Student Name (if applicable): _____

Chapter/Charter #'s _____

School address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Please answer the following on a separate page:

Chapter Application

1. Explain the health science program at your school and why you feel your school and students would benefit from having a Texas HOSA Chapter.
2. Please describe the economic situation that makes the school eligible to receive funding through the Inspire Fund.
3. Should your school be funded, explain a plan for how your school's newly chartered Texas HOSA Chapter would sustain itself in following years.

Individual Membership Application

1. Explain the health science program at your school and why you feel you would benefit from participating in Texas HOSA.
2. Please describe the economic situation that makes the individual eligible to receive funding through the Inspire Fund.

3. Should your individual membership be funded, explain a plan for how you would be involved in your chapter. Examples could be to run for office (local, area, or state), be active in chapter meetings, compete, and participate in fundraisers, etc.

LDI Registration

1. Please describe the economic situation that makes the individual's registration eligible to receive funding through the Inspire Fund. List all student officers seeking financial assistance.

To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application is accurate.

Signature of Advisor

Date

Printed Name of Advisor

Signature of School Principal or Collegiate Advisor

Date

Printed Name of School Principal or Collegiate Advisor

Signature of Student Member (if applicable)

Date

Printed name of Student Member (if applicable)

Signature of Parent/ Guardian required of those asking for individual assistance

Date

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

If you have any questions regarding the Inspire Fund, please contact Janet Villarreal at janet.villarreal@texashosa.org or toll free 877-728-0150. Email completed application and necessary documentation to Janet Villarreal.