



AREA 7
SPRING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE INFORMATION
February 23, 2018-February 24, 2018

- Conference Site:** McAllen Convention Center
700 Convention Center Blvd.
McAllen, TX 78501
- Conference Fees:** **Conference Registration Fees will be collected at On Site Check-in. No PO's or cash will be accepted. Checks payable to HOSA, TA.**
- Advisors & Chaperones: No fee
Students: \$25.00
- Registration Deadline:** February 7, 2018
- STEM Premier Upload Deadline:** February 7, 2018 is the deadline for any event requiring a STEM upload. Click [here](#) to see events
- Conference Registration Link:** <http://www.registermychapter.com/hosa/tx/ac/>
- Officer Candidate Interviews:** McAllen Convention Center 101B
February 23 at 8:00 a.m.

All officer applications & forms must be uploaded to STEM Premier on or before the Conference Registration Deadline
www.stempremier.com/hosa
All officer candidates must be registered for the conference.

- Scholarships:** Scholarships will be offered at the State Conference only.
- Special Needs Events:** All students competing in Personal Care, Life Support Skills, Speaking Skills, and Interviewing Skills must have an Eligibility Form which can be found in the guidelines of each special needs event.

Student Eligibility Forms (not IEPs) must be uploaded to STEM Premier on or before the Conference Registration Deadline.

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The need for any special accommodations should be emailed to janet.villarreal@texashosa.org

On-Site Check-in: McAllen Convention Center
February 23, 2018
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Have these forms completed before arriving at On-Site Check-in:

- [Check Information Form](#)
- [Medical Liability Verification Form](#)
- [*No Show/Substitution Form](#)
- [*Advisor/Chaperone Code of Conduct Form and Medical Liability Form](#)

*To use as a fillable form, click on link, download pdf to your computer. Then complete the form and print.

Opening Session: McAllen Convention Center
700 Convention Center Blvd.
February 23 at 1:45 p.m.

NOTE: A change of dress code requirements for all Area Spring Leadership Conference Opening Sessions has been approved. The accepted options are the following:

- *Current year school HOSA shirt and black or khaki pants, close-toed shoes (No jeans, sandals or flip-flops) or,
- HOSA uniform or,
- Professional business attire

*Students who do not have a current year school HOSA shirt should wear either the HOSA uniform or professional attire to the session.

Business Session: McAllen Convention Center
700 Convention Center Blvd.
February 23 at 3:00 p.m.

Closing Session: McAllen Convention Center
700 Convention Center Blvd.
February 24 at 2:00 p.m.

Social: Dunk Tank and Scavenger Hunt activities

Conference Hotel: Doubletree Suites by Hilton
1800 S. Second St.
McAllen, TX 78501
956-686-3000
Check-in: 3:00 p.m.
Check-out: 12:00 p.m.

It is HIGHLY recommended that no swimming is allowed without a life guard present.
All delegates must be housed in approved conference housing to be eligible for competition.

Hotel Rate: \$118 + 15% tax
Send rooming list to: rmoreno@doubletree-mcallen.com [Texas HOSA Rooming Form](#)

To use Rooming Form as a fillable form, click on link, download pdf to your computer. Then complete the form and print.

Schools are exempt from the 6% state tax if a tax exempt form is submitted by check-in. Rooming lists should be submitted to the hotel using the Texas HOSA Rooming Form.

Additional Hotel Information: [Click here for more information](#)

Hotel Reservation Deadline: February 7, 2018

[Area 7 Tentative Schedule](#)

Directions to Conference Site and Hotel: [Area 7 Directions](#)

Meals: No outside food or drinks are allowed in the McAllen Convention Center. Concessions will be available.

Contact Information:

Conference Chair: Hanani Vasquez hanani.vasquez@stisd.net
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Texas Officer Coordinator: Kelly Cowan kelly.cowan@texashosa.org
Competitive Events Coordinator: Anne Regier anne.regier@texashosa.org



CONFERENCE FAQ'S

- 1) [Can I change my registration before the conference?](#)
- 2) [If a student is registered and can't attend the conference, can I substitute another student in his/her place?](#)
- 3) [What do I need for On-site Check-in?](#)
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