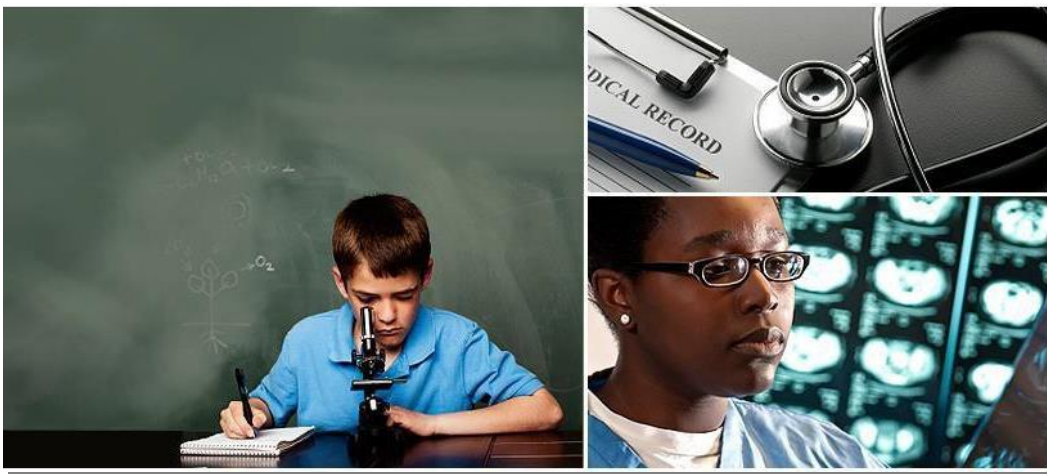




## **What is HOSA and the Middle School Division?**

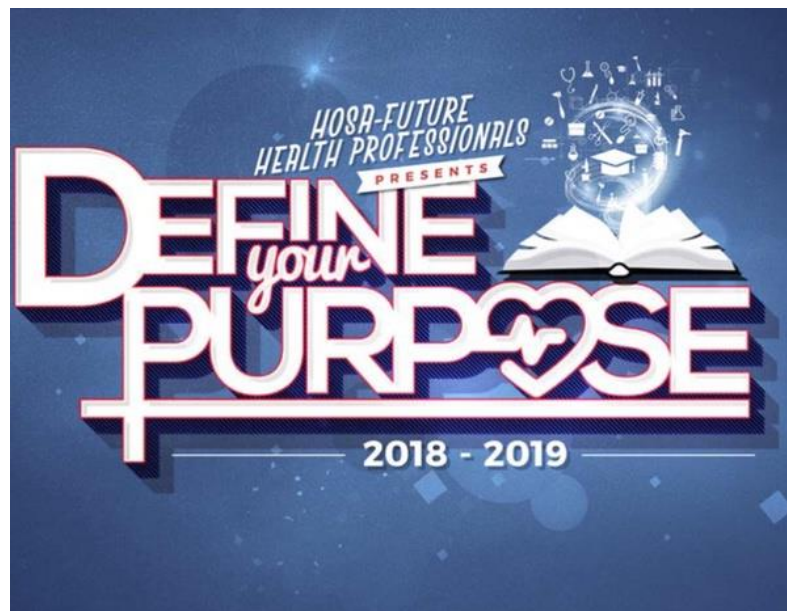
The Middle School Division of South Carolina HOSA is for middle school students (Grades 6-8) who are interested in a career in health care. This division of the SC HOSA organization has been designated as a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO). HOSA - Future Health Professionals provides a unique program that helps the students with LEADERSHIP SKILLS, PHYSICAL, MENTAL, and SOCIAL ENHANCEMENT, CAREER GUIDANCE, JOB PREPARATION, SELF-WORTH, MOTIVATION, AND EMPOWERMENT!

The Middle School Division allows students the opportunity to learn more about the healthcare field. This information can be used to define a possible future occupation, and the skills learned can be used for a lifetime! HOSA programs are taught in middle and high schools, regional vocational/technical centers, community colleges and universities throughout SC and the nation.



## Why Affiliate With HOSA?

- HOSA is the only career and technical student organization designed to exclusively serve the needs of students in health science training programs.
- HOSA is for, and led by, **students**.
- HOSA is recognized by the **U.S. Department of Education** and the Health Science Education Division of the Association of Career and Technical Education (ACTE) as an integral part of such education.
- HOSA promotes and develops a **respect** among students, teachers and the community for Health Science Education.
- HOSA provides opportunities for students to sharpen their **occupational awareness and skills** while developing valuable **leadership qualities**.
- HOSA members learn to appreciate their ability to help people who need health care or a better understanding of health-related issues. Getting involved in health issues is central to HOSA.
- HOSA promotes the development of good **decision-making skills** that can help members reach full career potential.
- HOSA promotes **fellowship** through social and recreational activities.
- HOSA provides members with **leadership training**



## CHAPTER AFFILIATION

Membership is available to the chapter representing grades 6-8. *Ninth graders must join a regular Secondary Division Chapter.*

To form a chapter the following criteria must be met:

- Agree to follow state and national bylaws.
- Register at least 5 members and 1 school advisor.
- Pay \$2.00 state dues and \$10.00 National HOSA Subscription Fee per member, total of \$12.00.
- Elect officers.
- Plan activities at school, local and community level.

NOTE: The National HOSA Subscription Fee entitles the chapter to use the HOSA logo, brand, and other associated items, and to receive mailings and support from National HOSA.

[State HOSA website](#)  
[Middle School Page](#)  
[National HOSA website](#)

HOSA: Future Health Professionals is a National Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) endorsed by the U.S. and South Carolina Departments of Education and the Health Occupations Education Division of the Association for Career and Technical Education. Please visit the



[National HOSA Homepage](#) for more information.

HOSA provides a unique program of leadership development, motivation, and recognition exclusively for middle school, secondary, postsecondary, adult and collegiate students. HOSA is 100% health care!

HOSA is not a club to which a few students in school join. Rather, HOSA is a powerful instructional tool that works best when it is integrated into the Health Science

curriculum and classroom. Health Science instructors are committed to the development of the total person. Those who join the Health Science – HOSA Partnership recognize the importance of providing students with training far beyond the basic technical skills needed for entry into the health care field. The rapidly changing health care system needs dedicated workers who, in addition to their technical skills, are people-oriented and capable of playing a leadership role as a member of a health care team.

National HOSA has more than 210,000 members in 49 states and Puerto Rico, as well as memberships in Italy, Mexico and Canada. South Carolina HOSA has a growing membership at more than 4000 members! A growing organization, South Carolina HOSA is constantly changing to meet the needs of its members.

## WE ARE INTERESTED! WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

1. Email the HOSA State Advisor at [aclark@ed.sc.gov](mailto:aclark@ed.sc.gov) and tell her that you would like to start a HOSA Chapter at your school.
2. You will then receive a Charter number and a password that you can go on to the national website ([www.hosa.org](http://www.hosa.org)) and register your students and advisors.
3. You need 5 students and 1 advisor to start your chapter.
4. You can print an invoice and request a P.O. for a check to be sent to the National HOSA address on the invoice. If your school needs a W-9, I have one I can forward to you.
5. Once your chapter is established, most chapters order school themed HOSA shirts that they wear on certain days of the week or at least on the date of their monthly meeting.
6. Plan a meeting about once a month. Cover a healthcare topic at each at each meeting by planning for a community event or having a guest speaker. Most meetings last about 30-45 minutes.
7. Plan to participate in the National Service Project that is adopted by HOSA on a bi-annual basis. 2018-2020–[National Pediatric Cancer Foundation \(NPCF\)](http://www.hosa.org/sites/default/files/NPCF.pdf).
8. Have your students participate in the Barbara James Service Award – recognition event located at <http://www.hosa.org/sites/default/files/BJ15.pdf> . Check the [Guidelines](#) for information on how to log hours. Teachers will approve community service hours that are accumulated and entered through February of each year for our state conference recognition. Service hours will then start over for the next school year.
9. Any teacher (no matter the subject area) interested in the health field can be an advisor.



Competitive Events the Middle School students may compete in can be found on the [Event Guidelines](#) page marked with \*\*.

# Questions?

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