

HOSA Happenings



Recognition Event

Eligible Divisions: Middle School, Secondary & Postsecondary / Collegiate	Recognizes chapter communication tools	Digital Upload Deadline: 11:59pm EST February 21st
Chapter Recognition Event		

Event Summary

HOSA Happenings enables members to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively communicate information about the HOSA chapter, celebrating its members and their achievements while sharing health-related information with readers. This is a multimedia chapter communication event. Chapters will select ONE (1) communication tool for this recognition event. All submissions that reach a predetermined standard will be awarded a Certificate of Excellence. This event aims to inspire members to be proactive future health professionals and tell the story of their chapter throughout the year using whatever form of communication they choose (i.e., print or electronic newsletter, website, blog, social media platform).

General Rules

1. Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the [General Rules and Regulations](#).

Chapter Definition and School Rules

2. This is a chapter recognition event that is coordinated by the chapter Historian (or other appointed chapter member) and includes contributions from other chapter members.
3. For this event, a chapter is defined as either an affiliated chapter or a natural combination of affiliated chapters at the same location/district. For example, two programs at the same school /district might have separate charter numbers but could logically share the same communication tools and want to share in the submission together. For conference registration purposes, in this case, one charter number must still be used - one chapter name will be listed in recognition materials.
4. HOSA chapters **MUST** follow applicable SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICIES regarding using photos and personally identifiable information in any communications media format. If the school / district / local / state / chartered association requires parental permission, the local chapter must secure, complete, and maintain the appropriate forms.
5. Submissions for this event **MUST** comply with copyright laws. Copyright infringement violates federal law and is subject to severe civil penalties and sanctions. Under federal copyright law, copyrighted works may not be copied, published, disseminated, or displayed without the copyright holder's permission unless such use is deemed to be "fair use" under the law.

The Communication Tool

1. Chapters will select one communication tool to highlight their activities. Examples could include a print newsletter, electronic newsletter, website, blog, social media platform, etc. Four (4) to eight (8) pages (8.5 x 11 inches) of the selected communication tool may be submitted. Each side counts as one page when submitting, but front and back copies are acceptable.
2. Often, photos, illustrations, graphics, and infographics are effective tools for conveying a message.

Chartered Association Submission Process

1. ONE member of the chapter **MUST** upload **one combined PDF file** containing the following items to the HOSA Digital Upload System by 11:59pm EST February 21, 2026:

a. **Required:** Four (4) to eight (8) pages of content, plus the cover page (page 4 of these guidelines) must be submitted.

2. **11:59pm EST on February 21st** is the **final deadline** and there will be **NO EXCEPTIONS** to receipt of the required materials after the deadline. We **STRONGLY** suggest not waiting until the last minute to upload online to avoid user challenges with the system.
3. For SLC, the digital materials uploaded by 11:59pm EST on February 21st will be JUDGED. All digital content uploaded as of 11:59pm EST on February 21st is what will be used for judging at SLC.

Final Scoring

4. This event will be judged using the event rating sheet (page 3 of these guidelines)
5. Submissions that earn 80 points or higher will be recognized on stage with a Certificate of Recognition.

International Leadership Conference (ILC)

Go to <https://hosa.org/guidelines/> for specifics about this event at ILC.
June 17-20, 2026 – Indianapolis Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN

HOSA Happenings-Judge Rating Sheet

Chapter Number _____

Judge's Signature _____

Areas Evaluated		Points Possible Superior.....Poor						Points Awarded
General Appearance (20 pts)	Layout and spacing-neat and appealing	5	4	3	2	1	0	
	Font (size and appearance) makes content readable	5	4	3	2	1	0	
	Use of color-neat and attractive but not distracting	5	4	3	2	1	0	
	Graphics, infographics, illustrations, and pictures are clear and well-cropped, and support the articles or pages they accompany	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Content – Quality (45 pts)	Local chapter news	15	12	9	6	3	0	
	Health information article(s)	15	12	9	6	3	0	
	Celebration of chapter members and their achievements	15	12	9	6	3	0	
Organization. (15 pts)	Easy to find information quickly. Clear headings. Sections or articles are clearly distinguishable (index, clear headings)	15	12	9	6	3	0	
Mechanics (10 pts)	Correct spelling and grammar	5	4	3	2	1	0	
	Punctuation used appropriately	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Required (10 pts)	Four to eight (4-8) pages in length (each side counts as one page, front and back copies acceptable.) plus the cover page	10					0	
TOTAL POINTS		100..... 0						



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COVER PAGE

Select and print the best chapter communication pages (maximum of eight (8) one-sided pages) and submit them as directed by the State Advisor, along with this cover page.

How was this communication shared with chapter members? (*check all that apply; type or print neatly*)

- Printed newsletter
- Electronic newsletter
- Chapter website URL _____
- Blog URL _____
- Social Media Platform _____
- Other _____

Please complete the information below (type or print neatly):

School _____

Chartered Association _____

Historian (chapter designee) _____

Historian's (chapter designee's) E-mail Address _____

HOSA Chapter Charter Number _____

PHOTO PERMISSION AND COPYRIGHT

This event entry does not violate any copyright laws. All necessary permission forms for the use of photos and personally identifiable information have been secured and are on file at the local level. Permission is granted for a chapter member to share event materials with others during the HOSA Project Display time and for HOSA-Future Health Professionals to share event materials or links at www.hosa.org.

Advisor's Signature _____

Please complete the information below (type or print neatly):

Advisor's Name _____

E-mail Address _____