

Medical Reading

Event Category: Health Science.....

Eligible Divisions: Secondary & Postsecondary/ Collegiate	Round One: In Person Testing Written 50 Q test (60 minutes)	Digital Upload: NO
Solo Event: 1 competitor		

This event will take place as a written test at SLC (Thursday, March 18th)

Refer to the Conference Agenda for assigned testing time

Event Summary

Medical Reading allows Secondary and Postsecondary/Collegiate members to improve their reading comprehension and understanding of particular topics related to leadership development and the health community. This competitive event shall be a written test of information and knowledge gained from reading the selected books for the current year. Competitors will apply, analyze, synthesize, and/or evaluate the reading material in a multiple-choice test. This event aims to inspire members to be proactive future health professionals and apply the knowledge gained from reading medical and leadership books.

General Event Information

General Rules	Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the General Rules and Regulations . <i>Books for this event are continually recommended by membership, vetted through the HOSA Medical Reading Committee over the previous school year, and selected each June by the HOSA Competitive Events Leadership. Books chosen for this event are believed to enhance HOSA members' journey in this division, but parents and advisors are encouraged to review this list to ensure this year's selections are the best fit for your student.</i>
Dress Code	HOSA's Official Uniform or HOSA Business Dress. Appendix D
Competitors Must Provide	• Photo ID • Two #2 lead pencils (not mechanical) with an eraser • Neon colored foam earplugs, NOT earbuds, for noise control (optional) HOSA Conference Staff will provide equipment and supplies listed in Appendix I .
Official References	The references below are used in the development of the test questions: • Crisis Averted: The Hidden Science of Fighting Outbreaks by Caitlin Rivers • Everything is Tuberculosis: The History and Persistence of Our Deadliest Infection by John Green • Fragmented: A Doctor's Quest to Piece Together American Healthcare by Ilana Yurkiewicz MD • The Next Patient: The Incredible World of Emergency Medicine by Dr. J. Thomas Grant • Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance by Angela Duckworth

ROUND ONE- Test

Test Instructions	All competitors will be given a test and test answer sheet. The written test consists of 50 multiple-choice questions (10 questions per book) in a maximum of 60 minutes. See test instructions here . An essay tiebreaker question will be administered with the original test. Essay tiebreakers will be completed on the back of the test answer sheet.
Time Remaining Announcements	There will be NO verbal announcements for time remaining during SLC testing. All SLC testing will be completed in the Testing Center, and competitors are responsible for monitoring their own time.
Sample Test Questions (Samples are from a previous year)	Radium Girls - The symptoms of radium poisoning are very similar to poisoning from which other chemical? (pp 21) A. Bromine B. Carbon C. Lead D. Phosphorus - What was the nickname given to the girls who shined at night from the radium powder? (pp 44) A. Ghost girls B. Shimmering girls C. Radiant girls D. Lustrous girls - How did Mollie Maggia die? (pp 39) A. Increased blood volume due to increased number of red cells B. Hemorrhaging from the jugular vein C. Bone necrosis and bone cancer D. Breast cancer with metastasis to the brain

Final Scoring

In the event of a tie, the essay will be judged to break the tie.

International Leadership Conference (ILC) qualifiers

Go to <https://hosa.org/guidelines/> for specifics about this competitive event at ILC.
June 22-25, 2027, Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

High School/Post-Secondary/Collegiate Seniors

Don't wait until you graduate to join the HOSA alumni network! Graduating from high school or completing your postsecondary/collegiate program does not mean your HOSA journey has to end. As a HOSA member, you are eligible to become a HOSA Lifetime Alumni Member- a free and valuable opportunity to remain connected, give back, and help to shape the future of the organization. Learn more and sign up at hosa.org/alumni.

SC HOSA Scholarship

Application: <https://www.schosa.org/students/scholarships/>

Application Window Opens: December 1, 2026

Application Deadline: February 1, 2027

National HOSA Scholarship

Scholarship program has funding available for HOSA members who have an interest in various health careers! The application process begins January 1, 2027, and can be found here: <https://hosa.org/scholarships/>.