

WHERE TO BEGIN

If you are interested in beginning a HOSA chapter at your school, or you would like to explore the possibility, here are some helpful ways to begin:

- The first step is to seek out a HOSA advisor from another school. Ask questions and then ask again! HOSA advisors are very willing to help you and are anxious to get to know new advisors.
- Attend a HOSA event – Fall Leadership Showcase or State Competition – and observe what goes on. Bring several of your students along and let them observe so they will get excited about HOSA. You do not need to be a member to attend as a guest.
- Invite a HOSA advisor and his/her students to come to your school to introduce HOSA to your students. Or, you may want to invite a State Officer to your class to speak on HOSA.
- Obtain the video on Member Recruitment: “HOSA Is...” from HOSA Related Materials Service at National HOSA (1-800-321-HOSA). It is only 8 minutes long but conveys the valuable opportunities that are available to HOSA members. Other videos on competition and membership are also available. The videos are inexpensive, but very appealing to students.
- The *HOSA Handbook* can be down loaded from the internet at (www.hosa.org), click on publications. Section A of the Handbook focuses on National HOSA – The Organization. Section B is the Competitive Events Program. (Section B must be updated yearly.) Section C is a Guide to Organizing and Managing a HOSA Chapter.
- The booklet *Integrating HOSA into the Classroom* can be down loaded from the National website (www.hosa.org), click on publications.
- When you are ready to join HOSA, call National HOSA (1-800-321-HOSA) and request a membership/affiliation packet. This packet will include information about state and national dues, as well as the instructions for completing your packet. National HOSA will mail your membership cards and your national charter number. When your packet is complete, mail both your National and your State dues to Nationals. Your state dues will be forwarded to Oregon HOSA. If you plan to participate in state competitive events, your students must be members prior to the State Leadership Conference. You will need a password if you complete your membership online. National HOSA assigns passwords. Please note that fall

semester membership dues must be sent to National HOSA by January 1st, and second semester membership deadline is March 1st.

- Each local chapter should have an Oregon HOSA Charter. An Oregon HOSA Charter Application is included in the “Local Chapter” section of this *Handbook*.
- Contact your Oregon State HOSA Program Coordinator for information and help in starting your local chapter ~ 503-385-4748.