

State Officer Candidate Guide 2017 – 2018



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CONGRATULATIONS! The decision to run and serve as a Cal-HOSA state officer or to seek national office is one that sets a person apart as one of the most dedicated and driven leaders in the organization. State officers serve as the leaders of Cal-HOSA and represent the organization to industry professionals, community leaders, education officials, community partners, and most importantly the state membership.



The *Cal-HOSA State Officer Candidate Guide* details the important issues of state officers and provides the specific election process and procedures. Running for office and serving as a state officer will be a positive, life-shaping opportunity.

All Cal-HOSA state officer candidate applications are due as follows:

- **Friday, March 9, 2018 – State President, State Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Postsecondary Representative, and Regional Vice Presidents.**

Candidates seeking a state officer position **must have served** in a leadership capacity as a local chapter officer.



Students interested in running for a state office **must have been previously or currently enrolled** in a Career Technical Education course or **will be enrolled in a Career Technical Education course during their term of office**. Postsecondary candidates must be enrolled in a health science career major through a postsecondary institution. Enrollment verification for both secondary and postsecondary will be reviewed.

Candidates seeking a national office **must have served** as a Cal-HOSA state officer.

To obtain a copy of the National Officer Candidate Packet, please contact Cal-HOSA Headquarters by e-mail at headquarters.calhosa@gmail.com. The National Officer Candidate application is due at Cal-HOSA Headquarter by Friday, March 9, 2018.

Cal-HOSA State Executive Council

The Cal-HOSA State Executive Council consists of the following state officer positions.

3.1 Cal-HOSA Policy and Procedures

The specific duties of the offices include:

- President
 - preside over the Cal-HOSA assembly meetings for the official business sessions and any other meetings called by Cal-HOSA or Board of Directors
 - serve on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee in an advisory capacity
- Vice President
 - assist the president in all leadership functions
 - preside over chapter activities in the absence of the president
 - assume the duties of president should the office be vacated
 - coordinate all committee work
- Secretary/Treasurer
 - keep minutes of all official student meetings and submit to the Leadership Team in a timely manner (within 15 working days following the meeting)
 - keep an official roll of all voting delegates at the business sessions
 - assist with responses to any correspondence as necessary
 - give annual financial reports at student meetings
 - assist the Board Treasurer as needed
 - serve on the Finance and Budget Committee
- Regional Vice President(s)
 - assist the president in all regional leadership functions
 - preside over regional activities at the SLC
 - advocate for the needs of the regional in all Executive Council meetings
 - coordinate and preside at the Regional Leadership Conference
 - participate in assigned officer committee work and assignments
- Parliamentarian
 - serve over the student meetings and uphold the basic assumptions of parliamentary procedures through Robert's Rules of order, Newly Revised
 - provide counsel and assistance as requested
- Postsecondary Representative (elected only if a postsecondary representative is not elected to another office)
 - assure that the postsecondary division is represented in all activities and decisions
 - conduct workshops for chapter members upon request
- National Officer
 - serve on the Cal-HOSA Board of Directors
 - lead and represent student members of HOSA



Duties and Responsibilities

The State Executive Council is governed by the Cal-HOSA Student Bylaws and Cal-HOSA, Inc. Policies and Procedures. All officers serve as an extension of the state and national organization with the distinct purpose of advancing the mission of HOSA by providing dynamic leadership, services, communication, and support to local chapters.

State officers are student ambassadors, leaders, and role models for Cal-HOSA. To fulfill the important responsibility of serving members and advancing Cal-HOSA, state officers are required to attend meetings and perform specific leadership duties.

General Duties of State Executive Council

- Lead the general student membership of Cal-HOSA.
- Establish an annual Program of Work composed of team and individual goals that will benefit Cal-HOSA.
- Communicate regularly, and respond promptly to all inquiries for information. All correspondence must be reviewed by the state officer coach.
- Represent Cal-HOSA with excellent standards of professionalism, etiquette, and public relations to promote HOSA.
- Complete all required reporting documents and keep Cal-HOSA Headquarters and state officer coach updated on progress.
- Contribute to the planning, preparation, and implementation of Cal-HOSA conferences, including the Regional Leadership Conferences (RLC and State Leadership Conference (SLC)).
- Work with the Board of Directors and Management Team to deliver leadership to Cal-HOSA membership through social media, chapter visits, and other Cal-HOSA sponsored events and activities.
- Fulfill the duties of appointed office, including attendance at all meetings, events, and conferences.
- Complete all assignments and projects in a timely manner.
- Submit reports on officer projects and activities that benefit HOSA.
- Commit to one year of service as a Cal-HOSA State Officer.



Qualifications and Procedures

All Candidates must possess the following qualifications:

- Be an active Cal-HOSA member in good standing in a Cal-HOSA local chapter at the school/district in which they are enrolled.
- **Must have been previously or currently enrolled in a verified Health Science and Medical Technology Career Technical Education pathway or sequence of courses or will be enrolled during their term of office.**
- Be a California resident and committed to live in California for the entire duration of term in office. (*National officer candidate is exempt from this requirement.*)
- Have served in a leadership capacity as a local chapter officer.
- Have not already served two (2) terms as a state officer.
- Have a cumulative 2.5 GPA or have documented significant progress of GPA improvement and maintain the GPA throughout term in office.
- Be currently enrolled in a health science education course or completed a sequence in a health science education program with a **CTE Credentialed Advisor**.
- Be recommended by the local chapter advisor and endorsed by his/her chapter.
- File a complete state officer application by the Cal-HOSA deadline posted.
- If you have served previously as a state officer and were placed on probation during your term, you could be ineligible for re-election or for national candidacy endorsement based on Cal-HOSA's Board of Directors' recommendation.
- Have a signed commitment of full support from parent(s), advisor, and school principal.

Election Procedures for State Office

1. Applicants for state office must submit a completed State Officer Application by the date indicated in this *State Officer Candidate Guide*. **This is a receipt deadline.**
2. All applicants will take an exam based on HOSA facts and basic parliamentary procedure.
 - State officer applicants must receive **75 percent** or above on exam to be granted an oral interview.
 - National officer applicants must receive **80 percent** or above on exam to be granted an oral interview.
3. If minimum score on the exam is achieved, applicants will participate in an oral interview with the nominating committee at the SLC.

4. All candidates for State office will develop a two – four-minute speech that will be uploaded on the Cal-HOSA YouTube. Link to upload speech will be provided in the Officer Application. No speeches will be delivered at the SLC
5. All candidates will participate in a question and answer caucus prior to the General Opening session. All Cal-HOSA members are invited to attend. Voting delegates will discuss election options with their chapter and then cast ballots through an online process for state officer candidates at the SLC Business Meeting.
6. The top candidates receiving the most votes will be elected to serve on the State Officer Team. The nominating committee will slate the candidate of president, vice president, secretary/treasurer, and parliamentarian.
7. In case of a tie, a run-off election will be held.
8. The newly elected state officers will be announced and officially installed at the 2018 SLC - president, vice president, secretary/treasurer, parliamentarian, regional vice presidents, and postsecondary representative.
9. Newly elected state officers and their local chapter advisor will participate in a state officer orientation. Refer to the SLC program for the orientation date, time, and location details.
10. Newly elected state officers will assume their year of service at the close of the SLC at which they were elected and will serve the following SLC.

Note: No more than two state student officers shall serve from the same school at one time; no more than two of the state officers elected at the SLC can be a postsecondary member during their term of office.

Cal-HOSA state officers shall serve one (1) term. At the completion of their term, they may apply to run for a second term if eligible. An officer may not serve more than two (2) terms.

Election Procedures for National Office Endorsement

1. Applicants seeking endorsement to run for national office must submit a completed National Officer Application by the date indicated in this Cal-HOSA Candidate Guide.
2. All applicants will take an exam based on HOSA facts and basic parliamentary procedure. Applicant must achieve **80 percent** or higher on the exam to be granted an oral interview.



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3. Applicants will then participate in an oral interview with the nominating committee at the SLC.
4. The nominating committee considers the applications, exam scores, and oral interview to advance national officer applicants for approval by the Cal-HOSA general membership.
5. National officer applicants must receive approval from the Cal-HOSA State Advisor to be considered for national officer candidacy endorsement. Application for National Office does not guarantee endorsement by the State Advisor nor the nominating committee. Strict guidelines for endorsement will be maintained.
6. The nominating committee may advance a maximum of two (2) secondary and two (2) postsecondary candidates for consideration by the Cal-HOSA membership. Cal-HOSA may endorse one (1) secondary candidate and one (1) postsecondary candidate per election year.
7. Applicants seeking national office endorsement will deliver a two (2) minute speech during the SLC Business Meeting.
8. Applicants will then participate in a question and answer caucus with the voting delegates.
9. Voting delegates will cast ballots for national officer endorsement(s).
10. Applicants must receive a majority vote to receive national officer candidacy endorsement from Cal-HOSA delegates
11. In case of a tie, a run-off election will be held.
12. The national officer candidates approved by the Cal-HOSA delegation will be announced at the SLC Grand Awards Session.
13. The approved national officer candidates must have completed the national officer candidate process.



Procedure for Determining Voting Delegates

As a student led organization, the power to change, direct, and propel the association rests with student voting delegates. Voting delegates are required to attend the SLC opening session, region meetings, visit with candidates, and attend the SLC Business Meeting and Voting Session. Voting delegates have the responsibility to elect state officers at the SLC Business Meeting.

Each chapter receives voting delegates in accordance with the table below. Please register voting delegates and alternate voting delegates during the SLC online registration. Please be sure to schedule delegates who do not have a conflict with the timing of the SLC Business Meeting.

5 – 38 members	2 delegates
39 – 63 members	3 delegates
64 – 88 members	4 delegates
89 – 113 members	5 delegates
114 – 138 members	6 delegates
139 + members	7 delegates



Meeting Requirements

All voting delegates must attend the SLC Business Meeting.

All voting delegates will participate in the sessions at the SLC Business Meeting and may ask appropriate questions of state and national officer candidates during the question and answer session.

Campaign Questions and Eligibility

Questions regarding campaign procedures or candidate eligibility may be directed to Cal-HOSA Headquarters at headquarters.calhosa@gmail.com. Questions about serving as a state officer may be directed to the current Cal-HOSA state officer team.

Campaign Rules and Tips

It is never too early to start planning. To be successful, please take note of the following rules and tips to help you prepare for the campaign.

Rules

1. Each state officer candidate is allowed a campaign manager to assist in the election and introduction of the candidate during the campaign speech.
2. Campaign speeches on Cal-HOSA YouTube will not exceed two (2) – four (4) minutes. The minutes may be divided between the campaign manager and the candidate or may be used entirely by the candidate.
3. Campaign speeches must be original. **Plagiarized material or closely copied content will disqualify candidate.**
4. Campaign posters are encouraged but limited to two (2) posters. No other campaign materials are allowed.

Campaign Speech

1. Campaign speeches (Cal-HOSA YouTube) should include your qualifications for state office as well as your platform. The candidate platform should include goals, ideas, and initiatives that will advance the mission of Cal-HOSA.
2. Campaign speeches should exhibit a thorough understanding of Cal-HOSA. They should be aimed at what is best for all members of Cal-HOSA not simply the needs of a single local chapter or region.
3. Effective campaign speeches should not be read or delivered impromptu. Do not “wing” the campaign speech. Campaign speeches are the time to inspire delegates and win votes. Be creative. Think of an appropriate theme, slogan, or acronym that helps voting delegates remember you.
4. Be creative and deliver with purpose and power. The way the campaign speech is presented is just as important as the words spoken. Use good eye contact. Smile. Use appropriate hand gestures. Speak with conviction and enthusiasm. Vary speaking tone, rate, pace, and volume. Speak clearly and enunciate.
5. Know the issues and the organization. During the question and answer time at SLC, members will have the opportunity to ask questions of each of the candidates. Questions will be related to HOSA, leadership experiences, and what you intend to do if elected to state office. To prepare for the questioning, the candidate should practice answering questions with his/her advisor and chapter members.
6. Contact a current state officer. The best resource in preparing for the campaign is a current Cal-HOSA state officer. They have been through the campaign experience successfully and will have a wealth of knowledge and good ideas to share.

Schedule of Events for State Officer Candidates

All candidates for state office must make plans to attend the following events at the SLC. Candidates are responsible to know the specific times and locations of the following events:

- State Officer Candidate Orientation
- State Officer Candidate Interviews
- Region Meetings
- Opening Ceremony
- Presidents' Breakfast
- SLC Business Meeting
- Recognition Awards Session
- Grand Awards Session
- Newly Elected State Officer Orientation



Application Instructions



Applicants for state office must submit the following required documents. A candidate can only be eligible for office when all parties indicated **sign the appropriate online forms** by **Friday, March 9, 2018**.

Downloadable Study Guide will be available online at cal-hosa.org

Application Documents

- Applicants must take the online test and pass with 75%
- Chapter advisor discussion
- State officer candidate information sheet
- State office candidate agreement
- Cal-HOSA student code of conduct
- School administration statement of support
- Uniform information form
- Current transcript with GPA and health science course(s) circled in red

Submission of Application

Submit completed application packet **ONLINE** at cal-hosa.org:

Application Deadline

The deadline for Candidate Applications is

Friday, March 9, 2018.

This is a receipt deadline, which means the **completed** application must be received online by this date.



Questions? Please contact Cal-HOSA Headquarters **prior** to the deadline date headquarters.calhosa@gmail.com.

Chapter Advisor Discussions for State Officer Applicant Meeting

The chapter advisor will schedule a meeting with the state officer applicant and parent/guardian to discuss the roles and responsibilities of a state officer. Below is a list of items for the chapter advisor to review and thoroughly discuss during the meeting.

- Have a frank conversation with the state officer candidate to ensure they understand the commitment required of state officers. Be sure they understand that at times they will have to miss sporting events or other personal activities to fulfill their state officer responsibilities. Officers must recognize that HOSA conferences, officer trainings and all other HOSA events come before social functions, including athletics and dances.
- Ensure that the state officer applicant intends to remain in school in California during his/her term of service. (Unless he/she is a candidate for national office.)
- Ensure that the state officer applicant understands that being a state officer is a privilege and will require their very best effort. If elected, a state officer will be required to devote several hours each week to his/her state officer responsibilities. The state officer cannot fall behind in his/her duties and responsibilities.
- Talk with the state officer applicant about his/her involvement in other activities such as sports, clubs, work, etc. Be sure the applicant understands the time commitment and is prepared to make HOSA a priority if he/she is elected.
- Discuss the chapter advisor's responsibility for making sure the state officer applicant is well prepared and set up for success for the state officer exam, interview, and speech preparation.
- Be sure the state officer applicant understands that becoming a HOSA state officer is an invaluable experience and will be a great accomplishment to highlight on his/her resume and college applications; being a state officer should primarily be about his/her passion for HOSA and desire to be a part of making Cal-HOSA great; and it is a real commitment that will require time, effort, initiative, and commitment throughout his/her term of office.
- Review the *State Officer Candidate Guide* with the state officer applicant to get familiar with the rules and guidelines.
- Confirm that all state officer applicant forms have been completed.
- Ensure the state officer applicant has access to internet daily either at home or through the school. A state officer will need access to e-mail for official communications.
- Set up a plan with the state officer applicant for when he/she is a state officer to keep the chapter advisor updated on his/her projects, upcoming responsibilities, and duties of office.
- Create a time management plan with the state officer applicant for when he/she is a state officer to complete his/her HOSA work each day. State officers should plan to spend about 30 minutes per day (sometimes more) on HOSA work.

State Officer Candidate Agreement

Becoming a Cal-HOSA state officer requires a commitment on the part of all parties concerned. To make that commitment, each party must understand their responsibility to this leadership training experience. A candidate can only be eligible for office when all parties indicated **sign the appropriate online forms**.

The state officer candidate should understand that, if elected, attendance at **all** state officer meetings and activities is **mandatory** and that failure to attend any of these meetings will result in their removal from office, except for emergencies or unsafe traveling conditions. The candidate should also understand that he/she may be placed on probation or removed from office if the candidate fails to comply with state officer responsibilities/assignments, fails to participate in activities, or conduct himself/herself in such a way that reflects negatively on Cal-HOSA or the State Executive Council. Disciplinary action will be decided by the Cal-HOSA State Advisor and is determined on a case-by-case basis.

If elected, the candidate agrees to:

1. Attend and participate in all assigned meetings (including, but not limited to state officer meetings, state officer trainings, and conferences) and attest that; "I fully understand the responsibilities and obligations of the state officer position that I seek and, if elected, will carry them out to the very best of my ability. I further understand that if, in the opinion of the state officer coach, I should fail to fulfill my responsibilities and obligations as a state officer, and/or I violate the Cal-HOSA Student Code of Conduct, I can be placed on probation or removed from office".
2. Perform to the best of my ability the duties of the elected office.
3. Maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or better, based on a 4.0 scale, during my term of office. Postsecondary candidate(s) must show proof of full time college or technical school enrollment during their entire term of office.
4. Participate in **ALL required activities scheduled** by Cal-HOSA including, but not limited to:
 - Cal-HOSA Orientation Meeting at SLC
 - International Leadership Conference 2018 – Dallas, Texas (optional)
 - National HOSA Washington Leadership Academy (optional)
 - Cal-HOSA Regional Leadership Conference(s)

- All Cal-HOSA Officer Training Activities
 - May 2018 – Sacramento (Pending)
 - November 2018 – Southern California (Pending)
 - January/February – 2019 Sacramento (Pending)
 - March 26 – April 1, 2019 – SLC, Sacramento
- Educating for Careers Conference, March, 2019 (optional)
- Statewide Conferences by Invitation (optional)

In addition to the required state officer events listed above, there will be additional travel required for Regional Leadership Conferences, chapter visits and other opportunities that may arise throughout the year.



The parent(s)/guardian(s) and candidate agree to:

1. Authorize the candidate's cell phone number to be printed on his/her official business card, if applicable, unless alternative arrangements are requested in writing to the Cal-HOSA Headquarters.
2. Grant permission to Cal-HOSA and its staff/contractors, The California Department of Education (CDE), and sponsors/supporters to use the candidate's name and likeness (including photographs, video footages, silhouettes, and audio clips) in publications, productions, promotions, and on websites for informational, promotional, and other related purposes without further consideration and acknowledge the right of Cal-HOSA to crop, treat, edit, or otherwise modify the photographs, video footage, silhouettes, and audio clips at their discretion.
3. Permit the candidate to participate in all scheduled Cal-HOSA activities, state officer meetings, Regional Leadership Conference (RLCs), chapter visits, and other official state officer duties.
4. Authorize the state officer to visit California schools and participate in Cal-HOSA chapter activities for conducting official Cal-HOSA state officer business.
5. Encourage the candidate to take full benefit of the leadership development experience.
6. Understand candidate may be placed on probation or removed from office if he/she fails to comply with state officer responsibilities/assignments, fails to participate in activities, or conduct himself/herself in such a way that reflects negatively on Cal-HOSA or the State Executive Council. Disciplinary action will be decided by the Cal-HOSA State Advisor and Cal-HOSA Headquarters on a case-by-case basis.

The Advisor(s) and all school officials listed below agree to:

1. Recommend for state office only those candidates who are qualified.
2. Ensure candidate's attendance at all Cal-HOSA activities.
3. Permit the candidate to visit California schools and participate in Cal-HOSA chapter activities to conduct official HOSA state officer business.
4. Certify that the candidate has earned a GPA of 2.5 (based on a 4.0 scale) or better for the term preceding the election and that the state officer maintains this during his/her term of office.

5. Read the Candidate Agreement and Cal-HOSA Student Code of Conduct and discuss it with the student.
6. Assure school site support of student responsibilities as an officer.
7. Agree to chaperone student to all required Cal-HOSA officer activities as determined by local school policy with the understanding that Cal-HOSA **does not cover chaperone expenses** required solely by the individual district.
8. Assure that the officer's official HOSA uniform is returned to Cal-HOSA Headquarters in good condition. (Chapters will be charged fee to replace all or part of the uniform not returned in good condition.)

Cal-HOSA Fiscal Responsibility of State Officers

Travel:

Cal-HOSA Headquarters handles the travel arrangements for the state officers. State officers are informed of the travel arrangements via e-mail. Copies of the communications and confirmations are also sent to the advisors. Airline travel is usually ticket-less. Officers must be certain to have photo identification to check-in at the airport. Transportation expenses to and from the airport **are not** covered by Cal-HOSA.

If state officers elect to have a parent or guardian drive, limited mileage **may be** reimbursed at the state rate based on the **least expensive** form of transportation available.

Expenses for chaperones **required by the individual district are the sole responsibility of that district.** These expenses are **NOT covered** in any part by Cal-HOSA.

Lodging:

Cal-HOSA Headquarters handles the lodging for the state officers. State officers do not have to bring money to cover lodging, unless the meeting is not a specific Cal-HOSA function. State officers need to bring money to pay for snacks, personal items, and other incidentals while attending meetings. While most families assume the responsibility for providing money for trips, on occasion advisors may need to assist some state officers in financing their participation in activities/meetings.

Fundraising activities to finance trips, such as the International Leadership Conference, are conducted by the chapter. The Board of Directors may help to partially fund the state officer's trip.

Cal-HOSA will follow District policies regarding student's personal gender identification choices. Additional rooming fees may be assessed to the individual District(s) to meet their policy.

Meals:

Cal-HOSA Headquarters will make provisions for meals for the state officers during trainings and Cal-HOSA required events.

Officer Uniform:

Cal-HOSA Headquarters handles the purchase of HOSA uniforms, two (2) polos and one (1) pair of khaki pants for the state officers. The state officers will purchase their own shoes, other personal clothing items, and travel items. Often chapters assist officers in purchasing shoes or personal items if necessary. Cal-HOSA provides ties for both female and male state officers.

All HOSA Blue uniforms must be returned to Cal-HOSA Headquarters after the state officers term has ended. All clothing returned must be in good condition and recently dry cleaned.



Conference Attendance:

Cal-HOSA Headquarters handles the travel arrangements for the state officers' travel **to and from** the State Leadership Conference (SLC).

Cal-HOSA does **not** pay travel, lodging or registration expenses for attendance at the International Leadership Conference (ILC). The Board of Directors may choose to direct limited funds to cover a portion of International Leadership Conference expenses.

Cal-HOSA Student Code of Conduct

The following conduct policies apply to all state officers and will be in effect for the full duration of their term of office. Official conference and event activities begin when the officer leaves home for the event and ends when they return home, therefore this code is in effect throughout the entire term of service.

“I agree to follow the Cal-HOSA Student Code of Conduct while I am representing Cal-HOSA as a member of the State Executive Council. I will resign my office if I fail to follow this code.”

The following shall be regarded as severe violations of the Cal-HOSA Student Code of Conduct:

Should a conduct code violation occur for item 1 through 7 below, regardless of when exposed, the violating student(s) will be sent home and will not be eligible to attend any other state, regional, or national conference during that school year. If the violation warrants it, law enforcement may also be notified. Determination of penalties for violations will be at the discretion of the Cal-HOSA State Advisor and/or Cal-HOSA Headquarters.

1. **Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco:** a student shall not possess, use, transmit, be under the influence of, or show evidence of having used an alcoholic beverage, other drugs, substances or tobacco products capable of or intended, purported, or presumed to alter a student's mood, perception, behavior or judgment; other than properly used, over-the-counter pain relievers and medications prescribed by a physician for an individual student and must be on record with the advisor. Nor shall the student possess, use, sell or transmit paraphernalia associated with drugs, alcohol, or chemical substance in any form (including tobacco), at any time, or under any circumstances, on public or private properties.
2. **Curfew:** Committing serious violations of curfew regulations as outlined in item 9 below.
3. **Willful Companionship:** Being in the willful companionship of someone who violates any portion of the conduct code, or failing to report any direct knowledge (other than hearsay) of the conduct code violations.
4. **Personal Conduct:** Cheating, dishonesty, bullying, harassment, or taking unfair advantage of others; participating in social activities other than those with conference participants; conducting acts and/or possession of weapons capable of causing bodily harm or fear of life, defacing or stealing any public or private property (for which financial responsibility will rest solely with offending individuals or their chapter); breaking the law; other serious violations of personal conduct regulations.

5. **Serious Violations:** of the student conduct code of the school district or school that the student represents. If this occurs, school officials will be notified.
6. **Private Transportation:** The state officer may not drive or ride in a private automobile during a conference, unless accompanied by an authorized advisor (delegates are to be housed at the conference site). Occasionally a chapter advisor, under special circumstances, may allow a student to drive or ride in a private automobile to a conference. These students are required to submit a completed "Permission to use Private Transportation" form to the chapter advisor prior to the conference. Permission to drive/ride applies to transportation of the student named on the form and only to and from the conference site. Once a driving/riding delegate has arrived at the conference site, he/she shall not be in a private automobile again until leaving the site at the end of the conference.
7. **Abusive Behavior and Lewd Conduct:** A student shall not engage in any lewd, indecent, sexual, or obscene act or expression or possess such materials. A student shall not engage in verbal, physical or sexual harassment, hazing, or name-calling. The use of slurs against any person based on race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, or disability is prohibited.

Note: Depending on the infraction, local law enforcement may be notified.

The following shall be other violations of the Cal-HOSA Student Code of Conduct:

Should a conduct code violation occur for items 8-12 below, regardless of when exposed, the violating student(s) may be sent home and may not be eligible to attend any other state, regional or national conference during that school year. Determination of penalties for violations will be at the discretion of the Cal-HOSA State Advisor, State Officer Coach, and Cal-HOSA Headquarters.

1. **Conference Conduct:** Failing to wear the supplied conference ID badge and wristband (when provided) at all times from arrival at the conference until departure at the end of the conference; leaving sessions prior to their conclusion (except in the case of emergency); failing to attend all general sessions and assigned activities (including workshops, competitive events, committee meetings, etc.) for which a delegate is registered (unless engaged in a specific assignment taking place at the same time); not abiding by the rules and regulations of HOSA or school/district policies from the time he/she leaves his/her home or school for any activity and the time he/she returns to the same home or school following the activity.

2. **Curfew:** Failing to be in your assigned hotel room from the curfew time designated in the conference program until 6 a.m.; causing any noise or other disturbance audible by anyone in the hallway after Hotel's designated 'quiet' time; ordering any food after the designated curfew time; causing any other unnecessary disturbance or participating in any other inappropriate activity after the designated curfew time.
3. **Dress:** Failing to abide by the dress regulations established for the conference, as outlined in the Dress Code.
4. **Personal Conduct:** Failing to report accidents, injuries or illnesses immediately to the local advisor; failing to keep adult advisors informed of activities and whereabouts at all times; failure to comply with established grievance process for disputes about competitive event results/processes (including personally confronting judges or event administrators); using tobacco products outside of local school district policies and state law; having a member of the opposite sex in a room if no adult chaperone is present and the room door is not visibly open (e.g.. the door must be propped wide open).
5. **Hotel Conduct:** Failing to meet the professional standards of housing facilities; accruing incidental room charges (i.e. phone calls, room service, pay-per-view movies, etc.) without settling the account prior to check-out; throwing objects out the window or into the hallway; moving hotel furniture from rooms (e.g., onto the balcony); failing to follow hotel rules and regulations.

Individual school district policies if a stricter policy is in place will supersede the student code of conduct.