

**2025-2026**



**HOSA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
OFFICER HANDBOOK  
& APPLICATION**

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CONGRATULATIONS! The decision to run and serve as a New Mexico HOSA Candidate for HOSA Executive Council is one that sets a person apart as one of the most dedicated and driven leaders in our organization. Executive Council Officers serve as the leaders of HOSA internationally and represent the organization to industry professionals, community leaders, education officials, community partners and most importantly the state membership.

Running for office and serving as a HOSA Executive Officer Candidate will be a positive, life-shaping opportunity.

### **IS RUNNING FOR HOSA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CANDIDATE RIGHT FOR ME?**

The opportunities provided to HOSA Executive Council Officers are tremendous and many of the Executive Council alumni count their time as an Executive Council as a pivotal experience in their life. Along with the opportunities and benefits of being on the Executive Council come many important responsibilities. Those interested should carefully consider the decision to run for state office and what it requires.

The average Executive Council Officer will spend five to ten hours a week working on their HOSA Executive Council assignments and responsibilities. Prior to Executive Council meetings, conferences and HOSA events the amount of time required tends to spike as Executive Councils finalize preparations and polish up assignments. It is important to realize that, although academics remain the number one priority, Executive Councils will not be able to fall behind in their responsibilities as a HOSA Executive Council. Executive Councils will be required to participate in the team decision-making process, perform their assigned tasks, and attend all required conferences and events.

Anyone willing to make this kind of commitment and that has the drive to succeed and the encouragement and dedication to get the job done should seriously consider running to represent NMHOSA as a HOSA Executive Council Candidate at the 2025 International Leadership Conference!

To serve as a candidate to represent NMHOSA as a HOSA Executive Council Candidate, you must declare your candidacy to the New Mexico HOSA Board of Directors and go through an approval process. To begin this process, **please email Leslie Ferris at [leslie.ferris@enmu.edu](mailto:leslie.ferris@enmu.edu) with the subject line NMHOSA Executive Council Candidate by February 1.** More information will be emailed to you on the next steps in the process to go through the approval and election process.

Good luck!

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