

# Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals Bylaws

## **ARTICLE I Name**

The name of this organization shall be Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals. The acronym GA HOSA may be used to designate the organization.

## **ARTICLE II Purpose**

The primary purpose of Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals is to serve the needs of its members, in the following ways:

- Section 1 Provide programs and activities which will develop:
  - A. Physical, mental, and social well-being of the individual
  - B. Leadership, character, and citizenship
  - C. Ethical practices and respect for the dignity of work
  - D. Healthcare and Health Science related skills
- Section 2 Foster self-actualization of each member, which contributes to meeting the individual's psychological, social, and economic needs.
- Section 3 Build the confidence of students in themselves and their work by providing opportunities to assume responsibilities and by developing personal and occupational competencies and social skills that lead to realistic choices of careers and successful employment in the health care field.
- Section 4 Promote inter-organizational relationships with professional groups, businesses, industries, and other organizations.
- Section 5 Recognize achievements of Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals members at the individual, Chapter, Regional, State, or International levels.
- Section 6 Promote involvement in current health care issues, environmental concerns, and survival needs of the community, the state, nation and the world.
- Section 7 Assist each member in establishing realistic career goals.
- Section 8 Assist each local Chapter in meeting the objectives of the organization.

## **ARTICLE III Membership**

- Section 1 The members of the chartered local Chapters shall comprise the membership of Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals.

Section 2 Membership in a local Chapter shall be open to students regardless of age, race, color, national origin, religious beliefs, or socioeconomic status.

Section 3 Classes of membership:

- A. The Secondary Division shall be composed of secondary students who are or have been enrolled in a Health Science program or an organized career awareness program or are interested in, planning to pursue, or pursuing a career in the health professions.
- B. The Postsecondary/Collegiate Division shall be composed of students who are not enrolled in high school, have received a high school diploma and /or are pursuing a GED and are enrolled in a healthcare science related field at the undergraduate level or are interested in or planning to pursue a career in the health professions.
- C. The Middle School Division shall be composed of middle school students who are in grades 6-8 and are interested in or planning to pursue a career in the health professions. The official definition for middle school members of HOSA for the purposes of Competitive Events is: A middle school student is one who: a) is enrolled in a state-approved health science program or is planning to pursue a career in the health professions; and b) has not been promoted to a secondary institution (grades 9-12) prior to the State Leadership Conference.
- D. Members-at-large shall be those persons otherwise qualified for membership where active HOSA chapters are not yet established. Members-at-large shall affiliate directly with Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals. Members-at-large are not eligible to serve as voting delegates to any conference or seek elected office.
- E. The Alumni Division shall be composed of persons who have been a member of HOSA. Alumni Division may not vote, make motions, hold office or compete in events.
- F. Professional Member – A person participating in professional development of Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals is eligible to join as a Professional Member. Such membership includes but need not be limited to Healthcare Science Advisors, Teacher Educators, Georgia Department of Education Healthcare Science staff and Practitioners in the healthcare and medical services field. The Professional Member shall pay dues as established by the chapter, state and national organizations but shall not be eligible to vote, hold elective office or enter competitive events.
- G. Honorary Member – An individual who has made significant contributions to the development of Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals and/or have rendered outstanding service to the organization. Honorary membership may be conferred for life by a 3/4 vote of the Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc. Board of Directors. Honorary members shall have none of the obligations and all of the privileges of membership except voting, making motions, holding office and competing in events.

#### **ARTICLE IV Organization**

Section 1 The Georgia Department of Education will support Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals as an integral part of the secondary or post-secondary healthcare science education programs.

- Section 2 The organization of Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals will be compatible with that of HOSA-Future Health Professionals.
- Section 3 Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals shall be divided into geographical regions.
- Section 4 Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals is an organization of affiliated Chapters, each operation in accordance with the charter granted by HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc.
- Section 5 The Regions shall be designated by the Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals Board of Directors.
- Section 6 The Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc. Board of Directors shall govern Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals.
- Section 7 The emblem of HOSA-Future Health Professionals is a circular design with a triangle inside containing the symbolic figure of a person and hands. The design is described and protected from infringement by trademark registration numbers as filed with the United States Patent Office. The use of this emblem will be governed by Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals as a charter state association of International HOSA.
- Section 8 The colors of HOSA-Future Health Professionals are navy blue, maroon, and medical white.
- Section 9 The HOSA-Future Health Professionals motto is “The Hands of HOSA Mold the Health of Tomorrow.”
- Section 10 The HOSA-Future Health Professionals slogan is “Health Science and HOSA: A Healthy Partnership.”

## **ARTICLE V Chapters**

- Section 1 Charter to Chapters:
- A. Secondary Charters may be issued to each secondary healthcare science education teacher/program or to the school.
  - B. Post-secondary Charters may be issued to each post-secondary/collegiate allied health and medical sciences related teacher/program or to the school.
  - C. Middle School Chapters may be issued to each middle school healthcare science education teacher/program or to the school
- Section 2 A school may apply for affiliation as a Chapter with the International HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc. using prescribed forms when:
- A. Chapter Bylaws have been adopted.
  - B. No provision of the Chapters Bylaws is in conflict with Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals Bylaws.
  - C. Planned Chapter activities are in harmony with ideals and purpose of Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals.
  - D. Application for Charter is made to the State Association, Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc. Once permanent, Charter will be issued to each Chapter by International HOSA, Inc. through Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc.
- Section 3 A Chapter may collect funds necessary for Chapter operation.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**Finances**

- Section 1 The Chapter dues monetary assessment shall be determined by the Chapter.
- Section 2 Each Chapter shall have autonomy in its fiscal affairs except that:
- 1) The chapter is responsible for the state and national associations' monetary assessments.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**State Officers**

- Section 1 The State Officers (Executive Council) shall consist of the following five officers:
- 1) President
  - 2) President-Elect
  - 3) Vice President
  - 4) Secretary
  - 5) Reporter
- Section 2 All of the State Officers, except the President, will be elected at the Annual State Leadership Conference. The President's position will be filled by the President-Elect, elected at the prior State Leadership Conference.
- Section 3 All candidates for State Office must meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in the Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals Policies and Procedures Manual.
- Section 4 The voting delegate assembly will elect all of the State Officers.
- Section 5 Each active chapter may endorse up to three state officer candidates. The officer candidates shall attend the necessary election meeting to be considered for State Office.
- Section 6 A plurality shall elect. The term of office for state officers shall begin at the conclusion of the state conference at which they were elected, and will continue until the conclusion of the state conference the following year.
- Section 7 A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the President Elect. Any other vacancy shall be filled by an officer from the current team at the discretion of the Executive Director.
- Section 8 All elected officers must fulfill their duties of office as agreed upon at the beginning of their term. Failure to do so will result in termination of office.
- Section 9 Any state officer may be removed from office if they fail to complete their duties of office as outlined in the State Officer Handbook.
- Section 10 No state officer shall be permitted to compete in any competition at any level during their term of office. Officer candidates are allowed to compete at the State Leadership Conference of the year they are running and are allowed to move forward to the ILC if qualified; however, that would be their last competition until the year after their officer term was complete.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**Meetings and Conferences**

- Section 1      The Chapters shall schedule chapter meetings.
- Section 2      There shall be an Annual Fall Leadership Conference; the location and date shall be established by the Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals Executive Director.
- Section 3      There shall be an Annual State Leadership Conference; the location and date shall be established by the Executive Director.
- A.      Assistance in planning and implementation for the State Conference shall be provided by the: Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc. Headquarters Staff; Board of Directors; State Officers; HOSA-Future Health Professionals Members; Chapter Advisors; Healthcare Science Education Teachers, Secondary and Postsecondary/Collegiate; Georgia Department of Education Staff.
- B.      The number of voting delegates at the Fall and State Leadership Conferences will be based on the number of members from each chapter;
- 5-50      members = (1 delegate)
- 51-100    members = (2 delegates)
- 101-200    members = (3 delegates)
- 201-300    members = (4 delegates)
- 301-400    members = (5 delegates)
- 401-500    members = (6 delegates)
- 500+      members = (7 delegates)
- C.      The majority of the voting delegation registered at the conference shall constitute a quorum.
- D.      Plurality shall determine voting decisions.
- Section 4      Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals members shall participate in the HOSA-Future Health Professionals International Leadership Conference each year.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**Parliamentary Authority**

- Section 1      The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the association may adopt.

**ARTICLE X**  
**Amendment of Bylaws**

- Section 1      The Board of Directors may approve these Bylaws for amendment by a majority vote, provided that the Board has submitted the proposed amendment(s) in writing to each Board member at least fourteen days prior to consideration.
- Section 2      These Bylaws may also be amended by a two-thirds vote at any State and/or Fall Leadership Conference, provided the amendment has been proposed by a Local Chapter, a Division, the Executive Council or the Georgia HOSA-Future Health

Professionals, Inc. Board of Directors. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing at least sixty (60) days before the State and/or Fall Leadership Conference. All proposed amendments must be submitted by the Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals Headquarters to the chartered local chapters at least thirty (30) days prior to the State and/or Fall Leadership Conference.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**Dissolution**

Section 1      Upon final dissolution or liquidation of the organization and after final discharge or satisfaction of all outstanding obligations and liabilities, its remaining assets shall be disbursed by the Georgia HOSA-Future Health Professionals, Inc. Board of Directors to another organization that is in accordance with one or more of the same purposes of this organization or to be transferred to a government instrumentality or a qualified exempt organization within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue code.