BYLAWS
Oklahoma HOSA

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the organization shall be Oklahoma HOSA-Future Health Professionals

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The primary purpose of HOSA-Future Health Professionals is to serve the needs of its members and promote and strengthen the HCE-HOSA partnership in the following ways:

a. Provide programs and activities that will develop:
   1. Physical, mental and social well-being of the individual;
   2. Leadership, character and citizenship;
   3. Ethical practices and respect for the dignity of work.

b. Foster self-actualization of each member that will contribute to meeting the individual's psychological, social and economic needs.

c. Build the confidence of students in themselves and their work by providing opportunities for students 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.

d. Promote inter-organizational relationships with professional groups, businesses, industries and other student organizations.

e. Recognize individual achievements in scholarship, occupational skills or services rendered by providing recognition and awards.

f. Promote involvement in current health care issues, environmental concerns and survival needs of the community, the state, the nation and the world.

g. Establish and maintain state associations in good standing with HOSA.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership Composition

a. HOSA is a state organization of, by and for students who are or were enrolled in
middle school, secondary, postsecondary and collegiate health and biomedical science related classes and/or are interested, planning to pursue, or pursuing a career in the health professions.

b. Members shall be students who are or have been enrolled in health education programs, are interested, planning to pursue, or are pursuing a career in the health professions, and persons associated with, participating in or supporting health science.

Section 2. Membership shall be open to persons regardless of race, sex, color, national origin, religious beliefs or disability.

Section 3. Oklahoma HOSA shall be guided by the HOSA Advisory Council.

Section 4. Middle School Division shall be composed of middle school student who are in grades 6-8 and are interested in or planning to pursue a career in the health profession.

Section 5. The Secondary Division shall be composed of secondary students who are or have been enrolled in a Health Careers Education/Bioscience program, an organized career awareness program or are interested, planning to pursue, or are pursuing a career in the health professions.

Section 6. 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 majoring in health care related field.

Section 7. The Alumni Division shall be composed of persons who have been enrolled in Health Careers Education programs.

Section 8. The Professional Division shall be composed of persons who are associated with or participating in Health Careers Education in professional capacities. These may include health professionals or other members of the community who wish to support the HOSA program and its growth and development. Professional members shall pay affiliation fees but may not vote, make motions, hold office or compete in events.

Section 9. Honorary members shall be persons who have made significant contributions to the development of HOSA and/or have rendered outstanding service to the organization. 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.
Section 10. Affiliation Fees
   a. HOSA affiliation fees shall be approved by the State Officer Team and HOSA Advisory Council. National affiliation fees shall be as approved by HOSA, Inc., and the National Delegate Assembly.
   b. Members, with the exception of honorary members, shall pay annual local, state and national affiliation fees.
   c. Aligning with National HOSA’s membership year, Oklahoma membership year will run from August 1st through July 31st. A 100% Affiliation Certificate may be issued by National HOSA based on National HOSA affiliation guidelines.

ARTICLE IV

ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The organization of HOSA will be compatible with that of National HOSA, Inc.

Section 2. Active HOSA chapters may be organized in schools offering Health Careers Education programs or an organized pre Health Careers Education program.

Section 3. Charter
   a. A charter shall be issued to a local chapter from National HOSA.
   b. Each chartered chapter shall be responsible for all operational activities within the chapter.
   c. Each chapter shall select voting delegates as provided by the chapter constitution and/or bylaws.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

Section 1. Elected Officers
   a. The Oklahoma State Officer Team will consist of 10 members. The President, Vice President, and 8 representatives will be elected by the voting delegates at Fall Leadership Conference.

Section 2. A State HOSA Advisor shall be appointed by the State Supervisor of the Health Careers Education Division. The State Advisor shall serve as the business manager of HOSA.

Section 3. A Coordinator for Alumni Activities shall be designated by the State Advisor.

Section 4. The duties of the various officers shall be such as are specified in the Oklahoma HOSA Policy and Procedures.
Section 5. Oklahoma State Officer Selection Process  
   a. The selection process of the Oklahoma State Officers shall be such as are specified in the Oklahoma HOSA Policy and Procedures.

ARTICLE VI.

MEETINGS

Section 1. Two (2) state conferences may be held each year with the time and place to be designated by the State Advisor in consultation with the HOSA Advisory Council.

Section 2. A special meeting may be called by the HOSA Advisory Council, State Officer Team, or State Advisor. A 30-day notice of any special meeting shall be given to the membership.

Section 3. Local chapters shall exercise their membership voting privileges through voting delegates.

Section 4. A quorum for any conference shall be constituted by a 50 percent-plus-one representation of delegates of the local chapters that are registered to vote.

Section 5. A Credentials/Tellers Committee and a Rules/Arbitration Committee shall be appointed by the State Advisor in advance of each state conference. Each committee shall be composed of a secondary and postsecondary student and a secondary and postsecondary advisor.

Section 6. The Rules/Arbitration Committee shall, with the approval of the HOSA Advisory Council, propose to the convention a list of rules, an order of business and a code of conduct for the conference. The committee shall review all questions and disputes which have been prepared and submitted according to an established procedure and shall make appropriate recommendations to the HOSA Advisory Council in a timely manner.

Section 7. HOSA shall exercise membership voting privileges at the International Leadership Conference through voting delegates. Current state officers shall serve in the capacity of international voting delegates.
ARTICLE VII

STATE OFFICER TEAM

Section 1. State Officer Team shall be composed of all the officers.

Section 2. Ex-officio members without a vote shall be chapter advisors or their representatives of the elected officers, the state supervisor for Health Careers Education, the alumni coordinator, National Officers from the state and State Advisor.

Section 3. State Officer Team shall have full responsibility for the affairs of HOSA between its business meetings, make recommendations to HOSA and perform such duties as are specified in the Oklahoma HOSA Policy and Procedures.

ARTICLE VIII

FINANCES

Section 1. All HOSA funds shall be deposited in a bank designated by the HOSA State Advisor.

Section 2. All state funds shall be disbursed by check with a minimum of two signatures, which may be the signatures of the Health Careers Education Administrative Assistant, the HOSA State Advisor, the Health Careers Education State Supervisor, or Health Careers Education Program Specialist.

Section 3. The State Advisor or HOSA Bookkeeper shall arrange for an audit of the financial records by a qualified auditor. The audit report shall be available to any member of HOSA.

Section 4. The fiscal year shall commence on the first (1) day of September of each year and shall end on the thirty-first (31) day of August of the next calendar year.

Section 5. All books and records may be reviewed by any member, advisor or committee members.
ARTICLE IX

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern HOSA in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order HOSA may adopt.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the authorized delegates at any state conference, provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to the State Officer Team at least thirty (30) days prior to an annual meeting.

ARTICLE XI

RESTRICTIONS

No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that HOSA shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any of the Internal Revenue Law). No substantial part of the activities of HOSA shall be the carrying on of propaganda otherwise attempting to influence legislation and HOSA shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision, HOSA shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by any organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE XII

DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of HOSA the State Officer Team shall, after paying or making provision
for the payment of all the liabilities of HOSA, dispose of all of the assets of HOSA exclusively for the purposes of HOSA in such manner or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as exempt organization or organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Executive Council shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court, in which the principal office of HOSA is then located to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

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