

2026 Michigan HOSA State Leadership Conference Informational Packet



Date: April 16-17, 2026

Location: Grand Traverse Resort & Spa, Acme, MI

Registration Cost: \$80/person (students, advisors, guests)

Included in the cost: Conference t-shirt, conference program, name badges, and a SEAT at any ceremony/awards session

Registration Deadline: Sunday, March 8, 2026 by 11:59 PM

Website: www.michiganhosa.org/slc

How to Register: www.apps.hosa.org

Conference attendees must be registered for the Michigan HOSA state leadership conference by their HOSA advisor using the HOSA Conference Management System, the same way they registered for regionals. When registering, you will need to include t-shirt size and if they plan to serve as a courtesy corps member (i.e. volunteer at the event to be a patient, timekeeper, etc.)

NOTE: The only people that need to register for the conference and pay the \$80 registration fee are students, advisors and anyone who would like the conference materials provided (*conference program, t-shirt, name badge, seat at any ceremony/awards*). **If a guest/family member/chaperone plans to attend but does NOT want/need these items they do NOT need to register and pay for the conference.** Spectators are not allowed to watch competitive events. There will be a livestream of the Thursday and Friday evening sessions for those who would like to view from home.

Does my advisor need to attend the conference? Your advisor needs to attend SLC OR have a designated adult act as the advisor. Students are NOT allowed to attend on their own. There must be one event personnel for every 20 students in a chapter. For example, if you have 100 students attending, there must be 5 adults who can help with competitive events.

Competitive Event Guidelines & Modifications

Competitive Event guidelines can be found [HERE](#).

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Pay for SLC

Schools must pay their SLC registration fees by the start of the conference on April 16, 2026. Schools must also have their regional conference invoices paid in order to compete at the state leadership conference. Advisors can check for any outstanding balances through the HOSA Conference Management System. Schools can download an invoice through the HOSA CMS or request one by emailing samantha.pohl@mhc.org.

If schools are submitting a check, please send it to: **Michigan HOSA, 2121 University Park Drive, Suite 150, Okemos, MI 48864.**

If you wish to pay with a credit card, you can do so through our website:
<https://www.michiganhosa.org/onlinepayment>

Digital Upload Information

Students/teams are required to upload materials for their competitive event to be prejudged for SLC by **March 22, 2026 by 11:59 PM**. Even though they submitted materials for regionals, they **MUST** re-submit materials for SLC to be prejudged. Competitors can make any necessary changes to their document(s) before resubmitting. The submission process is the same as regionals. For more information on how to submit, [click HERE](#). The following events require a digital upload:

- Clinical Specialty
- Community Awareness
- Family Medicine Physician
- Health Career Display
- Health Career Photography
- Health Education
- Interviewing Skills
- Job Seeking Skills
- Medical Innovation
- Mental Health Promotion
- MRC Partnership
- Public Health
- Public Service Announcement
- Researched Persuasive Writing & Speaking
- Research Poster

Please look at the competitive event guidelines as to what should be included in the digital upload. **Failure to upload materials by the deadline will result in a score of zero for that portion of the event.** Students/teams can still compete in round two at the conference, but they will not have a score for round one of the event.

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Subscribe to the 2026 Michigan HOSA SLC Band App

The [2026 Michigan HOSA State Leadership Conference Band App](#) will be your go-to source for the most current conference information, so **we strongly encourage all attendees to subscribe** before arriving. Throughout the conference, schedules, room locations, reminders, announcements, and important updates may change in real time, and the Band App is the fastest way to make sure you don't miss anything. By subscribing, you'll receive instant notifications that help you stay organized, prepared, and fully informed so you can focus on competing, learning, and enjoying the conference experience.



Conference Schedule

****An official schedule with event times will be posted after the March 8th deadline. We need to see how many people will attend in order to complete the full schedule. Complete schedule will also be posted on the website: www.michiganhosa.org/slc**

[TENTATIVE General Schedule](#)

[TENTATIVE Competitive Event Schedule](#)

Hotel/Lodging Information

Please refer to the Approved Off-Site Hotels information page on our website:

<https://www.michiganhosa.org/offsitehotels>. **There you will find a list of off-site hotels we will provide transportation to and from the resort, if needed. Any hotel/lodging/transportation questions, please contact Mark Burley at hosa@mhc.org.**

Recognition/ ATC Events

Recognition and ATC tests are NOT taken/awarded in-person at SLC. Instead, they are submitted and taken virtually, on March 21. The Top 3 in each ATC, and all other Recognition Event participants will receive a certificate (given to their advisors at SLC to give to the student afterwards) and their name will be listed in the conference program. More information about these events, who can participate, how, and when, please click [HERE](#).

Other Conference Activities

Refer to the website and final schedule of events for more information on the exhibitor fair, Anatomage Tournament, Blood Drive, and educational symposiums.

Forms (MI HOSA will NOT collect these forms. They are for advisors/chaperones to have on hand in case they are needed. You may also use your school's forms if they have one.)

[Code of Conduct and Media Release](#)

[Medical Liability Release](#)

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If you do not already receive our HOSA Synapse emails, [please subscribe here](#). This is our primary way of communicating information related to Michigan HOSA events with HOSA leaders.

PLEASE read through the Synapse for the most important/up-to-date information regarding the state leadership conference.

FAQs:

- What schools have Grand Traverse Resort priority this year? [See Priority List](#).
- Can we make reservations right now? Are there any offsite hotel accommodations? **Yes, see [Hotel Reservation Info](#) for details.**
- Will there be a virtual option for the 2026 State Leadership Conference? **The only virtual options are ATC tests and Recognition Events. See information here:**
https://www.michiganhosa.org/_files/ugd/2bf0bb_02e4fe964aa04d03aa367883d0d08751.pdf.
- My event partner(s) cannot attend the conference. Can I still compete? **You can compete with 25% of your original team. Therefore, if you need to replace/add some members that is acceptable. They did not need to be a qualifier, or have competed at regionals. They need to be an affiliated member. The replacement CANNOT be competing in another competitive event.**
- Can I compete in multiple events at SLC? **You can compete in the competitive event you qualified for AND Recognition/ATC event(s).**
- Who needs to register for the conference and what is the cost? **The registration fee for all competitors, advisors, family, and guests is \$80/person. Included in the registration fee is a name badge, conference program, a seat at the two grand ceremonies (including awards), conference T-shirt for students, and apparel options for advisors. If a guest/family member/chaperone plans to attend but does NOT want any of those things (including a seat at ceremonies), then they do not need to register for the conference.**
- Do I need a Photo ID to compete in my event? **Yes, you need to show proof of identity to event managers when checking into your event. Photo of ID works.**
- Will the HOSA Digital Upload System be used for SLC? If so, when is the deadline? **Yes. Please see digital upload information above.**
- Can I change my presentations, materials, etc. for SLC, or does it need to be the exact same from regionals? **You can make whatever changes you want, or**

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none at all. There is no limit as to what you can/cannot change.

- **What skills will be evaluated at SLC? Unlike the regional leadership conference, Michigan HOSA does not disclose what skills will be evaluated at SLC until THE NIGHT BEFORE. Michigan HOSA will post what skills will be evaluated through the BAND APP at 10:00 PM the night before the competition date.**