



# SLC 2016 Dress Code Policy

All student members attending the General Sessions at the State and National Conferences **must wear the HOSA uniform or a navy blue/black suit** (see descriptions below). Suggested stores to obtain these items are Goodwill, Salvation Army, or J.C. Penney; the HOSA patch can be purchased from Awards Unlimited. **It should be understood that every General Session will have monitors standing at each entrance to the ballroom to make sure all students are in appropriate attire. Monitors will be permitted to turn members away from entering the session if not abiding by this policy.** The monitors will be current members of the Florida HOSA Board of Directors. **Additionally, the Florida HOSA Board Chairperson and Chairperson-Elect will be stationed by the stage stairs monitoring the attire of all members before they walk on the stage to receive any award/recognition. Members may be withheld from receiving their award until the conclusion of that session.**

**UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** will blue jeans, shorts or other casual attire be accepted at any conference function (with the exception of designated recreational activities). Delegates dressed in such casual attire will not be permitted to participate in official HOSA conference meetings. Please note the guidelines of individual competitive events for specific instructions on competitor attire.

## **SUITS**

**Black or navy blue suit with a white shirt** (the white shirt can be the member's choice)

**Closed-toe** blue or black shoes (hose optional)

Male members **MUST** wear a tie.

Female members may choose to wear **knee-length** skirt or slacks.

## **OFFICIAL HOSA UNIFORM POLICY**

1. **Blazers for members - Males and Females.** A tailored navy blue blazer with emblem affixed over the heart. The official HOSA member or advisor pin is centered on the left lapel of the jacket.
2. **Shirt/blouse for female members.** A white tailored blouse or a short-sleeve white jewel neck shell are acceptable. This is interpreted to mean: an open or closed neck. Jewel necklines with lace, ruffle or full-edged collars are not acceptable. Low-cut or sleeveless blouses are not appropriate, nor acceptable. Shirts should be tucked-in.
3. **Shirt for male members.** A white closed-neck, man-tailored dress shirt, suitable for use with a tie. Shirts must be tucked-in.
4. **Accent for female members.** The maroon HOSA scarf no longer is a required part of the official uniform for females. However, a maroon accent is optional as a scarf or bow tie.
5. **Accent for male members.** A solid navy blue or maroon man-tailored long tie.
6. **Matching navy blue slacks for males, and slacks or skirts for females.** (Jeans and denim skirts are not considered appropriate.) City shorts and short skirts are not appropriate, nor acceptable. Slacks and skirts are to be worn at the natural waist line without exposing the abdomen.
7. **Closed-toe navy blue or black shoes** (hose optional).
8. Undergarments are not to be exposed while attending a HOSA session or competitive event.
9. Accessories are not to be worn for any HOSA session or event. These accessories include sunglasses, hoodies, backpacks, do-rags, hats of any kind, bandanas, and metal chains.

## **Competitive Events Dress**

For the competitive events, the guidelines state, "*Competitors must be in official HOSA uniform or in proper business attire.*" For those events with skill procedures (Health Professions and Emergency Preparedness Categories), competitors may wear attire appropriate to the occupational area during the skill procedure(s).