

Kentucky HOSA Scholarship Application 2025



Anne Vescio was a very dedicated and active person in healthcare around Kentucky. She was the regional director of Kentucky's vocational schools at the time of her early passing. She started a four-year nursing degree at EKU, and played a pivotal role in establishing Kentucky HOSA. Her family started the Anne Vescio scholarship to honor her contribution and dedication to health education in Kentucky. It continues to provide educational financial support to future healthcare providers through donations from the Vescio family and other sources. The amount awarded varies by year and recipient. This scholarship is renewable for a second year providing the recipient meets the conditions provided by KY HOSA at the time of the award.

Kentucky HOSA established the \$1,000.00 Bailey Holt Memorial scholarship in honor of Bailey Holt, 15, who was tragically killed during the Marshall County High School shooting on January 23, 2018. Her family remembers Bailey as a friend to all, who was driven to become a labor and delivery nurse. Kentucky HOSA hopes that the Bailey Holt Memorial Scholarship will honor her memory, and encourage other Kentucky HOSA members to become future healthcare providers. This is a one-time award and is non-renewable.

Applicant Requirements

- The applicant must be a Kentucky HOSA member, either a 12th grader in the secondary division OR a post-secondary/collegiate member, who is planning to attend a college or university the following year.
- The applicant must be planning to continue his or her education in a healthcare field.
- Applicants for the Bailey Holt Memorial Scholarship must be planning on pursuing a Nursing degree.
- All scholarship materials must be complete and typed or written legibly, with correct grammar.
- All scholarship materials must be entirely written by the person submitting the application. Submissions containing AI-generated content will not be accepted.
- All typed formatting must be Times New Roman, 12-point font, double-spaced, with black text on a white background, and 1 page front-back.
- All materials must be submitted by midnight Feb. 1, 2025, to the link provided through the Conference Management System (CMS) when registering the member(s) for State Leadership Conference.
- Only one applicant per scholarship (Vescio and Bailey Holt) per school may be submitted. All applicants from a school will be disqualified if more than two students submit scholarship applications.
- Scholarships will be awarded based on the overall application and individual interview scores
- Once selected as a finalist, applicants will receive a Sign-up Genius link to select an interview slot through the email provided in the application
- Recipients will be announced at the Kentucky State Leadership Conference. If awarded a scholarship, the applicant must be present to accept the scholarship. If not present, the funds will be returned to the Kentucky HOSA scholarship fund.
- Kentucky HOSA state officers are ineligible to submit a scholarship application.
- Scholarships must be claimed by August of the following year of the scholarship award.
- Any award monies not claimed will be reapplied to the Kentucky HOSA scholarship fund.

Required Materials

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<p>Letter of Evidence of Student Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o One-page letter, printed/typed on official letterhead, from a person who can provide evidence of successful student learning (teacher, guidance counselor, etc.). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Documentation can include GPA, coursework, certifications/licensure exams, capstone projects, reflection on classroom attitude, classroom participation, and contributions. 	<p>Essay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 1 page, can be two-sided, typed, double-spaced essay that addresses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Your intent to be involved in a nursing career ● The three reasons you are a HOSA member ● Three things you have learned from your advisor ● What you have learned in your health science courses/HOSA to help you choose your nursing career and the reason you chose it ● Why you feel your particular college choice will help you achieve your goal ● Your commitment to HOSA to become a future healthcare professional and to help others live healthy, happy lives.
<p>Letter of Evidence of Professionalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o One-page letter, printed/typed on official letterhead, from a person (a non-relative and not a member of the school system) that knows the applicant well and can provide evidence of the applicant’s professionalism. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Documentation can include examples of work ethic, teamwork skills, leadership experience, internship, job shadowing, on-the-job experience, integrity, work quality, and responsibility. ● Can be two-sided. 	
<p>Personal Statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o One-page, can be two-sided, typed, double-spaced personal statement based on the following topic: “Describe three exemplary qualities gained through your HOSA experience. Explain how you plan to use them in college, the community, and your future career.” 	<p>Three Reference letters, printed/typed on official letterhead, providing examples of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Letter 1: academic capabilities and achievements o Letter 2: leadership o Letter 3: job/career awareness
Both Scholarships	
<p>Current Transcript with unweighted GPA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Official transcript that shows applicant’s GPA on a 4.0 scale (unweighted). 	
<p>Updated Resume</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Includes full name, address, phone number, current school of attendance, work or intern experience (if any), leadership activities/recognitions (organization/event name, year, description), volunteer/community service (organization/event name, year, description), and Academic honors/achievements. 	
<p>Recent Photo of Applicant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o May be on the resume or attached 	
<p>Completed Kentucky HOSA Scholarship Application</p>	

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Applicant Information

Name		Scholarship (Vescio or Bailey Holt)	
Email Address		Phone Number	
Home Address		Current School	
		Division (secondary or postsecondary)	
HOSA Advisor		Current unweighted GPA	
Advisor's Email		Career Plans	
College you plan to attend (or top 3 options)			

Checklist of Materials

Anne Vescio		Bailey Holt Memorial	
	Letter of Evidence of Student Learning		Essay
	Letter of Evidence of Professionalism		Three reference letters
	Personal Statement		Current Transcript with unweighted GPA
	Current Transcript with unweighted GPA		Updated Resume
	Updated Resume		Recent Photo of Applicant
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