

# Kentucky HOSA Bailey Holt Scholarship Application 2026



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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 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, 2026, to the link provided through the Conference Management System (CMS) when registering the member(s) for the State Leadership Conference.
- Only one student per chapter per scholarship may apply and the same student may NOT apply for both scholarships. The advisor may only submit one student per scholarship per chapter. All applicants from a school will be disqualified if more than two students submit the same scholarship application.
- 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.
- All required information from the award letter received at the state conference must be submitted in entirety no later than June 1, 2026.
- Any award monies not claimed will be reapplied to the Kentucky HOSA scholarship fund.
- Applicants for the Bailey Holt Memorial Scholarship must be planning on pursuing a Nursing degree.

## Required Materials

### **Essay**

- o No more than 2 pages, typed, double-spaced essay that addresses:
  - 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.

### **Three Reference letters, printed/typed on official letterhead, providing examples of the following:**

- o Letter 1: academic capabilities and achievements
- o Letter 2: leadership
- o Letter 3: job/career awareness

### **Current Transcript with unweighted GPA**

- o Official transcript that shows applicant's GPA on a 4.0 scale (unweighted).

### **Updated Resume**

- 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.

### **Recent Photo of Applicant**

- o Must be separate from resume and no smaller than a wallet sized photo (2" x 3")

### **Completed Kentucky HOSA Scholarship Application**

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### Applicant Information

Name			
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)			

### Application Checklist

	Essay
	Three reference letters
	Current Transcript with unweighted GPA
	Updated Resume
	Recent Photo of Applicant