

# Kentucky HOSA Scholarship Application 2026



The Anne Vescio Scholarship honors Anne Vescio's dedication to healthcare education in Kentucky. As a regional director of vocational schools and a key contributor to the development of Kentucky HOSA, she played a significant role in advancing opportunities for future healthcare professionals. This scholarship supports students pursuing careers in healthcare and may be renewable based on eligibility requirements.

The Bailey Holt Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Bailey Holt, a student who aspired to become a labor and delivery nurse and was tragically lost in the Marshall County High School shooting in 2018. This scholarship honors her compassion, determination, and commitment to healthcare by supporting Kentucky HOSA members who plan to pursue a nursing degree. This is a one-time, non-renewable award.

## 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 the CMS deadline for all digital uploads set by KY HOSA, to the link provided through the Conference Management System (CMS) when registering the member(s) for the State Leadership Conference.
- Only two students per chapter may apply. All applicants from a school will be disqualified if more than two students submit a scholarship application.
- Scholarships will be awarded based on the overall application and individual interview scores
- If 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.

## Required Materials

### **Letter of Recommendation 1: Academic and Student Learning**

- o One-page letter, printed/typed on official letterhead, from a person
  
- o This letter should come from a teacher, counselor, or academic advisor who can speak to the applicant's academic performance and learning abilities. It should describe "successful student learning and academic achievements" as more than just grades, including how the student understands and applies material, performs in coursework, and grows academically over time. This may include GPA, advanced or rigorous classes, certifications, exams, or major projects such as capstones. It should also highlight classroom participation, attitude toward learning, work ethic, and contributions to the learning environment. The goal is to show the applicant as a motivated and capable student prepared for higher education in healthcare.

### **Letter of Recommendation 2: Leadership and Professionalism**

- o One-page letter, printed/typed on official letterhead, from a person
  
- o This letter should come from a non-relative outside the school system who knows the applicant well in a work, volunteer, or community setting. It should focus on leadership and professionalism through real examples. This includes work ethic, responsibility, teamwork, communication, integrity, and the ability to take initiative. It may also reference experiences such as jobs, internships, job shadowing, or volunteer work where the applicant demonstrated leadership or strong professional behavior. The goal is to show readiness for a healthcare career through character and real-world experience.

### **Essay**

- o Describe three exemplary qualities gained through your HOSA experience, including your involvement and motivation for joining HOSA and the impact it has had on you. Explain how your advisor and HOSA education have influenced your growth and development. Discuss how your experiences have shaped your understanding of healthcare and influenced your future career goals. Reflect on your personal growth through HOSA, your commitment to healthcare and service, and how you plan to apply these qualities in college, your community, and your future career. Your response should be well-organized, clear, and demonstrate strong writing quality throughout.

### **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		Phone Number	
Email Address		Current School	
Home Address		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

	Letter of Recommendation 1: Academic and Student Learning
	Letter of Recommendation 2: Leadership and Professionalism
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