Researched Persuasive Writing and Speaking

Arizona HOSA Event Guideline Supplement

Individual Event: 1 competitor

THIS EVENT REQUIRES AN UPLOAD FOR EACH CONFERENCE

For regionals and state, use the upload link emailed after your advisor registers you. For nationals, follow the HOSA Digital Upload System instructions.

This supplement is written exclusively for Arizona HOSA events.
Use this checklist with the official event guidelines and scoring rubrics.

Conference	Event Offered	Required Upload Deadline	Details at a Glance
Regional Leadership Conference (RLC)	YES	Close of registration	**Round 1:** Uploaded materials are pre-judged. **Round 2:** Give your speech. Upload and speech scores are combined. **Advancement:** Qualifying top scores advance to SLC.
Online Test	NO	N/A	**Not applicable:** Qualify through regionals, then compete at SLC to qualify for ILC.
State Leadership Conference (SLC)	YES	Close of registration	**Upload:** Submit again using the SLC link. **Scoring:** Pre-judged upload and speech scores are combined. **Advancement:** Top 3 qualifying competitors advance to ILC.
International Leadership Conference (ILC / nationals)	YES	Published HOSA ILC upload deadline	**Upload:** Submit again for ILC pre-judging. **Important:** No upload means no speech appointment. Follow official guidelines for the ILC process.

Required Digital Upload Checklist

☐ Upload your complete research paper as ONE PDF file for EACH conference. Check that it opens and all pages are readable.

☐ Use the current annual topic in the official HOSA guidelines. Take a clear position for or against it and support your argument with research.

☐ Include a one-page title page, a body of no more than two pages, and reference page(s). Follow the official requirements for all title-page information.

☐ Format the body in English using 12-point Arial, double spacing and 1-inch margins on letter-size pages. Follow the official header and page-number rules.

This supplement uses Tahoma. Your research paper must use the Arial formatting required by the official event guidelines.

You may revise your paper and speech between conferences. Upload again using each conference's unique link. Earlier scores do not carry forward.

Missed the upload? At RLC and SLC, you still receive a speech appointment, but the pre-judged paper earns zero. You cannot submit it to judges at the conference. At ILC, no upload means no speech appointment.

Required Documents and Materials

Bring to regionals, state and nationals.

☐ Photo ID and two nonmechanical #2 pencils.

☐ Optional index cards or electronic notecards for your speech.

Presentation materials: Only permitted notes may be used. Do not show electronic notes to judges. No props, additional materials or research paper may be used during the speech.

Dress code: Wear official HOSA uniform or proper business attire. Review Appendix D for full requirements.

Prepare your speech

☐ Review the official paper and speech rubrics. Write your own work, support your position with credible evidence and cite your sources.

☐ Keep the same main ideas as your paper. Your speech may use different wording and explain those ideas further.

☐ Practice a clear introduction, supporting points and conclusion. Rehearse aloud within the time allowed for your conference.

Arizona timing: The supplied supplement allows a maximum of 4 minutes at RLC and SLC, with a 1-minute warning. Stop when time is called.

ILC timing: Current official HOSA guidelines allow a maximum of 5 minutes, with a 1-minute warning. Check Arizona HOSA announcements for any change to the RLC or SLC limit.

What to do at regionals and state

☐ Check in with the Event Manager at the event room and show your photo ID.

☐ Receive your appointment time and stay at the event room; the event may run early. Staff will escort you into the room and introduce you to the judges.

☐ Greet the judges and shake hands as directed by the Arizona event procedure. Give your speech within the allowed time and stop when time is called.

☐ Thank the judges, shake hands again and leave the room. Complete the event survey and leave the competition area.

How to advance to nationals

Minimum score: Earn a final score of at least 70% after combining the pre-judged research paper and speech scores and subtracting penalties.

RLC to SLC: Top-scoring competitors meeting the minimum are recognized and advance. The State Advisor notifies your local advisor.

SLC to ILC: The top 5 competitors meeting the minimum are recognized; the top 3 advance. Fourth and fifth place may serve as substitutes. Upload again for ILC by its published deadline.

Official guidelines and scoring rubrics

HOSA event guidelines — select Researched Persuasive Writing & Speaking under Leadership Events for the annual topic, paper requirements and scoring rubrics.