



Extemporaneous Writing

Preliminary Round

- Purpose:** To encourage HOSA members to improve their ability to express themselves in writing.
- Description:** Competitors will log-in to www.quia.com/web with their unique log-in provided by the testing proctor. They will have one hour to write and submit an essay based on the secret topic.
- Dress Code:** Not applicable.
- Rules and Procedures**
1. Competitors in this event must be active members of HOSA-Future Health Professionals, in good standing in the division in which they are registered to compete (Secondary or Postsecondary/Collegiate).
 2. Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the "General Rules and Regulations of the National HOSA Competitive Events Program (GRR)."
 3. The topic shall related to current health issues or HOSA. All competitors shall write on the same topic. The topic is a secret topic that is not disclosed until the event begins.
 4. Event proxies are NOT allowed for this event.
 5. Competitors must have a computer with internet access and monitored by a testing proctor.
 6. The completed essay will be judged within the Quia platform.
 7. No printed materials or prepared notes shall be allowed at the event location.
 8. In the event of a tie, a tie breaker will be determined by the areas on the rating sheet section(s) with the highest point value in descending order.
 9. All essays become the property of Illinois HOSA and the competitor grants permission for the use of the essay in Illinois HOSA publications, etc.

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Items Evaluated	Points Possible						Points Awarded
	Superior	-----	-----	-----	-----	Poor	
1. Content:							
Coverage of Secret Topic	20	16	12	8	4	0	
Evidence/examples (w/citations, if applicable)	10	8	6	4	2	0	
Insight (understanding of topic/implications)	10	8	6	4	2	0	
Informative, engaging and interesting	10	8	6	4	2	0	
Originality	10	8	6	4	2	0	
2. Organization:							
Opening Statement	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Transitions	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Conclusion	5	4	3	2	1	0	
3. Coherence of Thought:							
Each paragraph logically linked to the main idea	10	8	6	4	2	0	
4. Structure:							
Grammar	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Spelling & Punctuation	5	4	3	2	1	0	
TOTAL JUDGE POINTS	95	-----	-----	-----	-----	0	