



State Pin Design Contest

Every year Louisiana HOSA members create a state pin used as the official Louisiana trading pin during the International Leadership Conference, and given to members attending the State Leadership Conference in March.

Members are encouraged to create a pin design that ***captures the spirit of Louisiana***. The criteria for the pin design are listed below:

Eligibility This competition is open to all active Louisiana HOSA student members in good standing.

Deadline Members will submit pin designs by email to the State Advisor by **deadline of October 2, 2026**

Send via email: shirlene.lahosa@gmail.com **No entries via Text or Fax. Late entries not accepted.**

Judging Preliminary round judges will be individuals from the health care industry, board of directors, or other non-members. Preliminary judges will choose the top five designs.

Voting The **top 5-8 from all submitted designs will be presented** at Fall Forums. **Only voting delegates and alternate voting delegates** will vote on designs at Fall Forum, after discussing it with their chapter members.

Materials and Specifications All entries to this competition must comply with the following materials and specifications:

- All entries must be in color; the design must use **no more than three colors (black & white count as colors)**
- **Very small details will not show up on the actual pin and should be avoided.** Keep it simple.
- The actual pin when produced will be approximately 1.5" x 1.5"
- Entries may be hand-drawn, painted, colored with markers, crayons or colored pencils on **white unlined** paper. **Computer generated entries are accepted.**
- The design may be any shape.
- The design should depict a Louisiana theme **and** healthcare.
- The words "Louisiana" and "HOSA" must appear on the pin. The words do not need to be next to each other.
- **No date/year should be on pin.**
- The National or state HOSA emblem or logo **SHOULD NOT** appear on the pin.
- Submitted designs may include blinkies, glitter, bobbleheads, or other advanced features. The management team may suggest adding features when the pin is sent to production & will collaborate with the artist if needed.
- The designer's name, school, and advisor's name must be included in the **email**. Do not show on the entry itself.
- Designs must be **submitted in a PDF format**
- This is **NOT** a team event. **Only one entry** per member. **There is a limit of 5 entries per chapter.** If more chapter members turn in a design, your chapter should vote on the top 5 and submit those.
- All copyright laws must be followed in the creation of the design, if needed.
- All designs submitted become the property of Louisiana HOSA. Submitting a design for the state pin releases all rights for the winning design to Louisiana HOSA for marketing purposes.
- Students who are unable to attend the Fall Forum may still submit a design for consideration..
- The winning designer will receive a prize & certificate at the SLC.
- Louisiana HOSA reserves the right to use more or less colors or make minor changes to the design

