

Adopt a North Carolina HOSA Chapter—Pay It Forward!

In response to the devastation caused to North Carolina HOSA Chapters by Hurricane Florence

Hello Everyone! As you know Hurricane Florence has affected many HOSA members in Eastern North Carolina. North Carolina HOSA currently has over 150 chapters in this area. While we know that all will not need the same type of help, we would like to help relieve their burden in a way I know how our HOSA family can. One way we can help other HOSA chapters is by paying for their membership, fall conference registration fees, travel funds, etc....

We will try to match up HOSA chapters of similar size as soon as possible. And as soon as we receive requests from both Adopting Chapters and Chapters that need to be adopted.

If you have a HOSA Chapter that has been affected by Hurricane Florence and would like some help, please [use the link to sign up for help](#).

If you are a HOSA Chapter that wants to adopt a HOSA Chapter, please [use the link to sign up](#).

Here are some of the frequently asked questions below from Adopting Chapters.

I want to help, what can I do?

Please, please, please use this link to sign up. – Going through this form is the only way.

How does this work exactly?

If you are applying to adopt a chapter, please use this form. You will be matched with a HOSA Chapter and contact information along with a little about their situation. After you receive this email, our part is done! You will contact the HOSA Advisor you are matched with and see how you can best help them, and then put together a plan with your chapter to help meet their needs.

What am I committing to by signing up? Can you give a rough financial estimate of helping out a classroom?

The only thing you're committing to is *trying* to help this HOSA Chapter in some way. In no way does the advisor expect you to get everything they need. Many have expressed gratitude for absolutely anything to help.

My Chapter wants to adopt more than one Chapter...

If your Chapter wants to adopt more than one classroom, please have each of you apply (or if you want to adopt only 2 chapters, then please just have 2 of you apply). Then you'll be matched with a chapter and can work on that as a project together.

Is this just for schools in Eastern North Carolina?

No, it is for any Chapter in NC deeply affected by Hurricane Florence.

How does shipping work?

If you are considering collecting items shipping is your responsibility, so please keep that in mind when considering what you are collecting.

Is there a list of supplies somewhere?

No. Once you apply, you will work directly with the HOSA Advisor to decide what supplies are needed.

Are you confirming that the people applying are HOSA Advisors?

HOSA Advisors who apply must use their school district email to apply. Some schools are greatly flooded and won't be open for a while – just wait until they can accept shipments to send anything. This will ensure that your donations are going exactly where they should be – I completely trust teachers, but there may be others who try to use this as an opportunity to help themselves. Pay attention to the email of the HOSA Chapter you are matched with and use your own discretion.

I want to be matched with a school in a certain area, a specific school, etc. Can you do that?

We are doing our best to roughly match HOSA Chapters of the same size. We are taking requests right now. Please be flexible, as there are a lot of Advisors and HOSA members who need help!

What is the timeline for getting matched?

We are working through them in the order they are coming in. There are an amazing number of submissions, so it is taking some time. I ask that you please be patient...we are working on it as quickly as we can!! We are hoping within the week at the latest. You will receive an email letting you know you've been matched.

I would LOVE to see what you and your classrooms (groups) are doing to help!!! Please use the hashtag **#AdoptaNCHOSAchapter** to tag your pictures.

A huge and overwhelming THANK YOU goes out to all of you who are signing up to help. It is an amazing thing to watch our HOSA Family come together.

Most importantly, the HOSA Advisors in NC are going to be doing the real work in the coming weeks and months, as they will have a lot of broken students coming into their classroom. It takes a special person to be a teacher, but these wonderful men and women will be giving a whole new meaning to long-term Hurricane recovery. Our hearts and prayers go out to you and your students, and I truly hope you are able to receive some of the help you need.