

# Officers

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Each chapter needs current, elected officers. There are some offices that are “traditional”, such as president, vice-president, and secretary and in some cases treasurer.

## Student Involvement Technique:

- Facilitate a teamwork activity. Examples and ideas can be found online:
  - <http://wilderdom.com/games/>
  - [http://www.ehow.com/info\\_7921343\\_high-school-teamwork-activities.html](http://www.ehow.com/info_7921343_high-school-teamwork-activities.html)
  - [http://www.ehow.com/list\\_6698083\\_classroom-teamwork-games.html](http://www.ehow.com/list_6698083_classroom-teamwork-games.html)
  - [http://www.ehow.com/list\\_6615748\\_teamwork-activities-classroom.html](http://www.ehow.com/list_6615748_teamwork-activities-classroom.html)
  - <http://www.buzzle.com/articles/classroom-leadership-games.html>
  - [http://www.ehow.com/way\\_5229192\\_youth-teamwork-activities.html](http://www.ehow.com/way_5229192_youth-teamwork-activities.html)
  - Lead discussion on leadership and teamwork. Who emerged as natural leaders? Why is it important to have leaders?
- Assign a leadership essay and/or presentation. Students should define leadership and tell about a leader they admire.
- Have students define leadership, then make a list of all the ways they have been a leader. (It can be serving as the president of their class to helping their younger siblings with homework. Leadership has many faces and everyone has shown leadership in at least one-way in their life.)
- Have students brainstorm a list of offices and their duties. Have students nominate or self-nominate for leadership positions. Give the students a day to campaign and give a short speech to the class on why they would make the best candidate. Hold officer elections by ballot.
- Add your own ideas:

## TIPS:

- To elevate the prestige of being an officer, hold an installation ceremony. Have the students plan the ceremony (maybe even at night so parents can attend?), including food. Have the officers raise their hand and pledge to fulfill the duties of their office.
- To expand the ceremony and increase participation, advisors may write a simple HOSA member pledge and install students as HOSA members
- Remember to update the bylaws to reflect the officer titles.
- Encourage students to think of “non-traditional” offices:
  - Vice President of Facebook – duty is to update the class Facebook page every other day
  - Vice President of Attendance – duty is to take attendance at every class period
  - Vice President of Jokes – duty is to tell a joke at the beginning of the class
  - Vice President of Chocolate or Desserts – duty is to make sure chocolate is brought to the class every week