



High School Scholarship Program School Year 2023-2024

Overview

As an active partner in your community, the Community Blood Center (CBC) of Greater Kansas City is dedicated to supporting local high schools through education and awareness of the need for blood donations, and to offer volunteer opportunities for students and faculty to participate in the important act of donating blood. The Community Blood Center's High School Blood Program offers students the opportunity to learn firsthand how they can contribute to their community by making a difference in the lives of patients. At age 16, (parental consent is required for donors age 16) many high school students make their first blood donation and, hopefully, begin a lifetime habit of donating blood. Students who participate in organizing blood drives learn valuable skills in leadership, community service, communication, project management, planning, setting, and achieving goals, and teamwork.

Your students can impact hundreds of lives in the Kansas and Missouri area in a single day and become eligible to earn educational scholarships. Did you know that over 25% of our total yearly blood collections come from high school blood drives? Since one donation can save up to three lives, over 50,000 cancer patients, burn victims and other patients that need blood are helped by high school blood donors each year. Wow!

To acknowledge the efforts of high schools and their students that sponsor at least one blood drive each year, CBC has established an annual scholarship to be awarded at the school's annual awards program. Our partnership benefits your school's scholarship fund, while supporting the blood needs of the entire community. Together, we can deliver a positive life lesson for high school students through their unselfish act of donating blood.

Please review the Program Criteria and Scholarship Application.

Applications must be submitted no later than June 30, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact your CBC Account Manager or Kira Harsh at kharsh@cbckc.org or call 816-968-4031



High School Scholarship Program Criteria School Year, 2023 - 2024

School Eligibility

- The school must host at least 1 blood drive on school property (i.e., High School, Middle School, Elementary School, or Administrative Building)
- Drives held between June 1st 2023 and May 31st, 2024, will count toward total units collected for award distribution.
- The school must collect 50 units minimum to qualify.
- The school administrators must involve the students in the blood drive organization process. The scholarship is awarded to a student(s) who demonstrates leadership, volunteerism and community service in the planning and organization of the high school blood drive.
- The school is required to submit a scholarship form by the deadline of June 30th, 2024.

Scholarship Award Distribution

\$500 for 50 units collected

\$750 for 100 units collected

\$1,000 for 150 units collected

Scholarship Award Winner Criteria:

- Awarded to a **graduating senior(s)*** (*The award can be split between 2 students at a maximum*)
- Award winner selected by faculty/staff member who has been responsible for supervision of student blood drive efforts
- Award winner must be enrolling in an institute of higher education. (Scholarship checks are made out to the university and given to the student, who is responsible for getting the check to their university. Lost checks are not replaced. If the school has not been chosen, CBC will hold the check for up to 120 days until a decision is made.)
- Award winner displays exceptional leadership and organizational skills in coordinating the student blood drive and recruiting fellow students to donate blood
- Award winner is not required to be a blood donor