



High School Scholarship Program School Year 2026-2027

Overview

As an active partner in your community, Community Blood Center (CBC) of Greater Kansas City is proud to support local high schools through education, awareness, and meaningful volunteer opportunities. Our mission is to help students and faculty experience the profound impact of blood donation and to foster a lifelong commitment to saving lives.

Through the High School Blood Program, students learn firsthand how they can make a difference in their community. Many students make their very first blood donation at age 16 (with parental consent) and begin a journey of giving that can last a lifetime.

Students who take part in organizing blood drives gain valuable skills in leadership, communication, teamwork, community service, project management, and goal setting—skills that serve them far beyond the classroom.

Your students have the power to save lives right here in Kansas and Missouri. In fact, over 25% of CBC's annual blood collections come from high school drives, helping more than 50,000 cancer patients, trauma victims, and other hospital patients each year. One donation can save up to three lives—an incredible impact from a single day of service!

To recognize these efforts, CBC awards annual scholarships to schools that host at least one blood drive each year. These scholarships are presented during the school's awards ceremony and are designed to celebrate both the school's commitment to community service and the student leaders who make these drives possible. Together, we can deliver a life-changing experience for students through the simple, selfless act of giving blood.

Please review the Program Criteria and Scholarship Application below.
Applications must be submitted no later than **June 4, 2027**.

For questions, please contact your CBC Account Manager or Adriana Zaragoza at azaragoza@cbckc.org or 816-768-2415.



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School Eligibility

- The school must host at least one blood drive on school property (high school, middle school, elementary school, or administrative building).
- Drives held between **June 1, 2026, and May 31, 2027**, will count toward total units collected.
- A minimum of 50 units must be collected to qualify.
- School staff must involve students in the planning and organization of the drive. The scholarship is intended for students who demonstrate leadership, volunteerism, and community service through their involvement.
- The Scholarship Application Form must be submitted by **June 4, 2027**.

Scholarship Award Levels

- **\$500** — 50 units collected
- **\$750** — 100 units collected
- **\$1,000** — 150 units collected
- **\$1,250** — 200 units collected

Scholarship Recipient Criteria

- Must be a graduating senior(s) (award may be split between a maximum of two students).
- Recipients are selected by the faculty or staff member responsible for supervising student blood drive efforts.
- Recipients must be enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education, which may include vocational or other postsecondary programs.
 - Scholarship checks are issued payable to the student's institution and provided to the recipient for delivery.
 - Lost checks cannot be reissued. If a college decision is pending, CBC will hold the check for up to 120 days.
- Recipients must demonstrate exceptional leadership and organizational skills in coordinating and promoting the school's blood drive(s).
- The recipient is not required to be a blood donor.