

American Red Cross Chapter Recognition

Event Category: Recognition.....

Eligible Divisions: Secondary, & Postsecondary / Collegiate	Recognizes participation in American Red Cross volunteer activities for HOSA Chapters	Digital Upload: Uses HOSA Activity Tracking System to track hours and activities
Chapter Recognition Event : Additional Scholarships are also available.		



New for 2026-2027

The hours for recognition have changed. Editorial changes have been made.

Texas HOSA

This event will only be recognized at ILC

Event Summary

For over 140 years, the American Red Cross (ARC) has provided compassionate service to those in need. The American Red Cross' mission of preventing and relieving suffering every day provides opportunities for volunteer service in numerous ways. The organization's vision encompasses assisting those impacted by disasters, preparing communities to be better equipped for disasters, providing access to safe blood and blood products, offering support and comfort to our armed services, and training individuals to save lives.

This event aims to inspire HOSA chapters to engage with the American Red Cross (ARC), to become lifelong advocates of the Red Cross, and to recognize chapters for their participation in American Red Cross activities. Financial scholarship opportunities are available for selected projects as part of this event.

Sponsorship

HOSA-Future Health Professionals appreciates the sponsorship of this event by the American Red Cross . *If you are in need of volunteer judges or conference support, please reach out to hosafhp@redcross.org	 American Red Cross
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Recognition Information

General Rules	Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the General Rules and Regulations .
Who is Recognized?	- Recognition will be awarded based on the total cumulative hours a chapter spends on American Red Cross sponsored events or activities. - Recognition will be awarded to HOSA chapters as a whole (HOSA chapters whose <u>cumulative member total hours</u> meet the minimum recognition levels).
Eligible Projects	- Any current volunteer opportunity within the American Red Cross will count toward recognition hours. - Competitors will use the American Red Cross Volunteer Role Finder website to find available volunteer opportunities.

	5. The American Red Cross has highlighted a specific need for HOSA members to engage with the opportunities listed below. These are only suggestions, as any current existing opportunity that can be found in the Volunteer Role Finder website are eligible for recognition: a. Sound the Alarm b. Holidays for Heroes c. Life-Saving Training i. Any ARC life-saving course can be completed for recognition credit (babysitting, CPR, lifeguarding, etc.) d. Coordinate a Blood Drive with the American Red Cross i. Host a blood drive with your chapter and earn <u>75 hours as a chapter</u> ii. Blood drive hours will be entered into the HATS (HOSA Activity Tracking System) and approved by the local advisor to count for the chapter recognition. e. To narrow the search for volunteer opportunities within the Volunteer Role Finder website that may be of interest to HOSA members, the American Red Cross has identified the following health-related positions (<i>Please note some may have age restrictions</i>): i. Volunteer Medical Screener: Screen and examine blood donor candidates prior to them giving their blood donation. Medical Screeners collect and confirm donor demographics to determine procedure eligibility, and conduct physical exams to include oral temperature, pulse, BP, and hematocrit according to procedure. ii. Blood Donor Ambassador: Be part of our work to help save millions of lives each year by volunteering as a Blood Donor Ambassador. Blood Donor Ambassadors welcome donors to blood drives and provide friendly support before and after donors give blood. This can include helping donors to register, answering questions, and assisting at the refreshments table. iii. Transportation Specialist: Blood Transportation Specialists serve as the critical link between blood donors and patients by delivering blood products to hospitals. If you have a valid state driver's license and at least three years of licensed driving experience, you can choose regular routes, stand-by emergency deliveries, or both. iv. Kitting: The Blood Services Kitting volunteer supports Biomedical Supply and Kitting Departments by assembling totes for blood donation sites and mobile blood drives. They also ensure that supplies are well-stocked to support blood drives.
Tracking Hours via HOSA Activity Tracking System	6. Each designated chapter member will follow the Member Instructions for entering activity information and hours in the HOSA Activity Tracking System (HATS). 7. For group activities such as blood drives, one designated chapter member should enter hours to avoid duplication. 8. Members are reminded to track chapter hours as they are completed to allow time for advisors to approve them. Activities submitted during the last week of the published deadline may not be approved for recognition 9. Chapter advisors will follow the Chapter Advisor Instructions and log-in to their chapter to approve or deny hours in the HOSA Activity Tracking System. It is up to the chapter advisor to determine the process they want to use to ensure the hours were volunteered with American Red Cross projects so they can confidently follow the instructions to "approve" the hours. 10. The HOSA Activity Tracking System direct link is: https://apps.hosa.org/#member-activity/input

	11. The chapter recipients of this award will be determined by the APPROVED data in the HOSA Activity Tracking System. If an advisor does not log in to approve their chapters' activities those activities will not be counted.
Timeline & Recognition Levels/Process	12. For International Leadership Conference (ILC) recognition, this event may include activities from June 1, 2026 through May 15, 2027. Activities must be entered by a designated chapter member into the HOSA Activity Tracking System and APPROVED by chapter advisors by midnight EST on May 15, 2027. The number of activities in the system is what will be used to identify chapter recognition levels at the International Leadership Conference. 13. For Chartered Association recognition, this event may include activities from June 1, 2026 through the Chartered Association published deadline. State Advisors will communicate Chartered Association-level deadlines. Activities must be entered by a designated chapter member and APPROVED by chapter advisors in the HOSA Activity Tracking System by midnight on the Chartered Association's published deadline. The number of hours in the system is what will be used to identify chapter recognition levels at the Chartered Association Leadership Conference. HOSA Chapter Levels of recognition: • Bronze Level: 250 - 299.9 hours • Silver Level: 300 - 399.9 hours • Gold Level: 400+ hours 14. All HOSA Chapters whose <u>cumulative member total hours</u> meet the above levels will be recognized. 15. Chapters receiving recognition will be posted on the HOSA website and will receive a certificate. Chapters not attending ILC can contact their Chartered Association to receive their digital certificate. Those chapters attending the International Leadership Conference and earning recognition will select a chapter representative to walk across the stage during the identified award/recognition session to receive a certificate. Gold, silver, and bronze medals are not awarded for this event at the international level. 16. Each state advisor determines recognition methods at the Chartered Association level.

Additional Optional Scholarship Opportunity!

Chapter Summary Video - for Chapter of the Year	1. HOSA chapters are also eligible to earn a financial scholarship for the entire chapter by participating in the Chapter Summary Video and to earn the chance to be named the Chapter(s) of the Year! 2. HOSA chapters that had numerous individuals work towards the ARC Chapter Recognition event can participate by creating a brief video presentation <u>summarizing</u> their outreach and volunteer activities conducted with the American Red Cross. a. Video presentations will be a maximum of five (5) minutes long. b. Chapters have the freedom to be as creative as they wish in creating the video presentation for the American Red Cross – the only requirements are to summarize and explain what the chapter did throughout the year with the American Red Cross as they worked towards the recognition. c. The video submission must be uploaded HERE by May 15, 2027 as a file or as a publicly viewable link. d. The American Red Cross will review the submitted videos, and the top three (3) chapters as selected by the American Red Cross, will be awarded financial scholarships: • 1st place: \$1500 • 2nd place \$1000
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	• 3rd place \$500 • Both divisions will be reviewed together (Postsecondary/Collegiate and Secondary) 3. The winner of the Chapter(s) of the Year award for the American Red Cross will be announced during a designated recognition session at the ILC.
Overlap with other Recognition Process	4. Activities for the Barbara James Service Award should NOT be used for American Red Cross Volunteer Recognition. Only activities and volunteerism done through and in conjunction with the American Red Cross should be used in this event. Other community service activities outside of the American Red Cross can be tracked as part of the Barbara James Service Award. 5. Blood Drives with the American Red Cross (ARC) will count for this recognition event. BloodDrives with America's Blood Center (ABC) partner blood centers must be submitted for the America's Blood Center event. Any other blood drive conducted outside of ARC or ABC should be counted as part of the Barbara James Service Award.

Future Opportunities

The HOSA Scholarship program has funding available for HOSA members who have an interest in various health careers! The application process begins January 1, 2027, and can be found here: <https://hosa.org/scholarships/>.

Graduating from high school or completing your postsecondary/collegiate program does not mean your HOSA journey has to end. As a HOSA member, you are eligible to become a HOSA Lifetime Alumni Member- a free and valuable opportunity to remain connected, give back, and help to shape the future of the organization. Learn more and sign up at hosa.org/alumni.