

# America's Blood Centers & HOSA Blood Drive

## Recognition Event .....

<b>Eligible Divisions:</b> Middle School, Secondary & Postsecondary / Collegiate	Recognizes recruitment of donors to participate in HOSA and ABC-organized blood drives.	<b>Digital Upload:</b> Uses a special tracking system from ABC to collect donor numbers
Chapter Recognition Event		



### New for 2024 – 2025

The recognition process and event summary have been clarified. Editorial updates have been made.

Texas HOSA

This event will only be recognized at ILC

### Event Summary

America's Blood Centers and HOSA-Future Health Professionals Blood Drive recognition event allows HOSA chapters to connect with local blood centers and learn how to conduct successful blood drives in their communities. The nation's blood supply is facing long-term challenges, including declines in the overall number of individuals donating blood each year, the number of donors under the age of 50, along with a reduction in school and business-based blood drives, the backbone of our nation's blood supply that is gradually recovering from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. School-based blood drives are critical in helping address these challenges, securing many of the roughly 7 million annual blood donors. In fact, approximately 17% of blood drives last year took place in high schools or colleges.

### Sponsorship

HOSA-Future Health Professionals is appreciative for the sponsorship of this event by [America's Blood Centers](#).



### General Rules

1. Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the [General Rules and Regulations](#).
2. **Overlap with other Recognition Events:** From 2022-2025, all Blood Drives hosted by ABC partner blood centers will be recognized through America's Blood Center and the HOSA Blood Drive recognition event. Blood Drives with the American Red Cross (ARC) will count for the American Red Cross Volunteer Recognition event. Any other blood drive conducted that is not with ARC or ABC should be counted as part of the Barbara James Service Award. The following states have no America's Blood Center member center: Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts.
3. All blood donations made with an ABC member center, including those by HOSA-Future Health Professionals and any other individuals who donate as part of an HOSA-sponsored blood drive in your community, will count towards your annual goal. Chapters are encouraged to think creatively about hosting blood drives at their schools or communities throughout the year.

### Resources

4. America's Blood Centers has provided their ["Vein to Vein: The Science of Blood Donation"](#) high school education program as a resource for chapters participating in the ABC and HOSA Blood Drive Event. Note that this has been updated for the 2024-2025 school year to include virtual patient scenarios that bring the lifesaving importance of blood donation to life. The pdf can be found here, along with additional resources: <https://americasblood.org/hosa>.

## Donor Tracking Link

5. Chapters will track their blood donations through the data portal found on the following website: <https://americasblood.org/hosa>
6. Chapters will be asked to track the following data points for each blood drive conducted:
  - State
  - Charter #
  - School or Chapter name
  - Chapter Advisor
  - Chapter Advisor's phone number
  - Chapter Officer or Chapter Lead
  - Number of Donors
  - ABC Member Blood Center
  - A signed copy of the verification form is available at [www.AmericasBlood.org/HOSA](http://www.AmericasBlood.org/HOSA)
7. HOSA chapters must partner with an ABC Member Blood Center for recognition in this event. The list of Blood Centers are available at this link: <https://americasblood.org/membership/membership-directory/>
8. To find a Blood Center near you, visit the Blood Center Locator here: <https://americasblood.org/for-donors/find-a-blood-center/>
9. Data submitted through America's Blood Center's donor tracking site above will determine the recipients of this award.

## Timeline and Recognition Levels and Process

10. For international recognition, this event may include activities from June 1, 2024, through May 15, 2025. Activities must be submitted using the ABC donor tracking link in #5 above.
11. For State Chartered Association recognition, this event may include activities from June 1, 2024, through the published deadline. State Advisors will communicate State Chartered Association-level deadlines. ABC representatives will provide the approved list of HOSA chapters that participated in this recognition event to the State Chartered Association upon request.
12. All HOSA chapters who secure a minimum of sixty-five (65) donors between June 1, 2024, and the State Chartered Association conference registration deadline (for Chartered Association recognition) and have submitted their blood donation tracking information to the ABC link listed in item #5 will be recognized at their state association meeting each year. Please check with your State Advisor to see if your state participates in the ABC and HOSA Blood Drive Event.
13. HOSA chapters will receive recognition based on the following levels:
  - Bronze Level: 65 – 150 donors
  - Silver Level: 151 – 249 donors
  - Gold Level: 250 + donors
14. Chapters earning recognition will be posted on the National HOSA website and will receive a certificate for the chapter. The certificate will be distributed to the State Advisor during the designated registration time at the International Leadership Conference. 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 pin. Gold, silver, and bronze medals are not awarded for this event at the international level.
15. In addition, HOSA State Chartered Associations with the highest number of recruited donors will also be recognized at the International Leadership Conference. One chartered association, per membership size listed below, will be recognized.
  - Small Chartered Association (2,000 or less members)
  - Medium Chartered Association (2,001 – 7,000 members)
  - Large Chartered Association (7,001+ members)