

American Red Cross Volunteer Recognition

Recognition Event

Eligible Divisions: Secondary & Postsecondary / Collegiate	Recognizes participation in American Red Cross volunteer activities	Digital Upload: Uses HOSA Activity Tracking System to track hours and activities
Chapter and Individual Recognition Opportunities Available - Additional Scholarships are also available		



New for 2024 – 2025

The submission process for the recognition activities has changed to utilize the HOSA Activity Tracking System (HATS). The required volunteer hours to earn recognition has increased. Editorial updates 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 includes assisting those impacted by disaster, preparing communities to be ready for disasters, providing access to safe blood and blood products, providing support and comfort for our armed services, and training individuals to save lives.

This event aims to inspire members to engage with the American Red Cross (ARC), to become lifelong advocates of the Red Cross, and to recognize both chapters and individual HOSA members 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 is appreciative for 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



General Rules

1. Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the [General Rules and Regulations](#).

Who is Recognized

2. Recognition will be awarded based on the total cumulative hours a member or chapter spends on American Red Cross-sponsored events or activities.
3. Recognition will be awarded in two ways:
 - a. Individual HOSA members
 - b. HOSA chapters as a whole (HOSA Chapters whose cumulative member total hours meet the minimum recognition levels)

Eligible Projects

4. Any current volunteer opportunity within the American Red Cross will count toward recognition hours.

5. Competitors will use the American Red Cross [Volunteer Role Finder website to find available volunteer opportunities](#).
6. 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 75 hours as a chapter
 - ii. Host a blood drive through our Leaders Save Lives Program (hosted outside of regular school timing, ask your local Account Manager for more information) and earn 100 individual hours
 - f. 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 (*Please note some may have age restrictions*):
 - i. Volunteer Medical Screener: Screen and examine blood donor candidates prior to them giving their blood donation. **Medical Screeners** collect and confirm donor demographics and 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 assistance 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

7. Members must be officially affiliated through HOSA – Future Health Professionals before proceeding. Members will follow the [Member Instructions](#) for entering activity information and hours in the [Member Activity Tracking System \(HATS\)](#).
8. 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.
9. The HOSA Activity Tracking System direct link is: <https://apps.hosa.org/#member-activity/input>
10. **The APPROVED data in the HOSA Activity Tracking System by the published deadline will determine the recipients of this event recognition.**

Timeline

11. For International Leadership Conference (ILC) recognition, this event may include activities from June 1, 2024 through May 15, 2025. Activities must be entered by competitors into the HOSA Activity Tracking System by midnight EST on May 15, 2025. The number of activities in the system is what will be used to identify individual and chapter recognition levels at the International Leadership Conference.
12. For State Chartered Association recognition for state conferences, this event may include activities from June 1, 2024 through the State Chartered Association published deadline. State Advisors will communicate State Chartered Association-level deadlines. Activities must be entered by competitors in the HOSA Activity Tracking System by midnight on the Chartered Association published deadline. The number of hours in the system is what will be used to identify individual and chapter recognition levels at the State Chartered Association Leadership Conference.

Recognition Levels

13. Individual HOSA Member Levels of recognition:
 - Bronze Level: 75 - 99.9 hours
 - Silver Level: 100 - 124.9 hours
 - Gold Level: 125+ hours
14. HOSA Chapter Levels of recognition:
 - Bronze Level: 200 - 249.9 hours
 - Silver Level: 250 - 299.9 hours
 - Gold Level: 300+ hours
 - All HOSA Chapters whose cumulative member total hours meet the above levels will be recognized.
15. Member and chapter names receiving recognition will be posted on the National HOSA website and will receive a certificate. The certificates will be distributed to the State Advisor during the designated registration time at the International Leadership Conference. Those members attending the International Leadership Conference and earning recognition will 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.
16. Recognition methods at the state level are determined by each state advisor.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

17. Competitors may choose to participate as part of a team in either or both of the additional optional scholarship opportunities below.

Option 1 – Diversifying the Blood Supply- Team Diversity Outreach Video

18. All teams who choose to complete the “Diversifying the Blood Supply – Diversity Outreach Video” project and submit it [HERE](#) by the deadline, are eligible for scholarship funds from the American Red Cross.
19. Video Description:
 - i. HOSA members can work together in teams of 2-6 people to complete this project
 - ii. Teams will review resources from [ARC about Sickle Cell Disease](#), especially the role of “Drive Diversity Advocates,” who support red blood cell collections from Black donors to provide units of blood needed for patients with sickle cell disease.

- iii. Additional Diversity Blood Supply outreach can be made for:
 - a. Latino/Hispanic Community
 - b. Youth (Alpha Generation/Generation Z)
 - c. LGBTQIA+
 - d. Asian and Pacific Islander
 - iv. Teams will create a 60-second (minimum)—3:00-minute (maximum) video to explain WHY someone should donate blood. The video should be in one of the following themes/styles:
 - 1) Hype Video - Create a video that matches social media trends (fun, upbeat, think TikTok style or instagram stories)
 - 2) Donor Journey - Create a video that showcases a donor's journey from start to finish
 - 3) Patient Story - Create a video highlight a patient's experience with blood donation and how it affected them (ie: a patient with Sickle Cell Disease)
 - v. Teams will upload a copy of their video [HERE](#) for a chance to be featured in ARC publications and for a chance to earn a team financial scholarship. Deadline is May 15, 2025.
 - vi. Completion of this project is worth 25 volunteer hours per participating team member. I.e.: if 6 chapter members participate on one team, the project will be worth 150 total hours toward the chapter recognition. Each individual will enter their hours into the HATS per instructions above.
 - vii. Additional Sickle Cell Awareness Resources:
 - i. [Sickle Cell Disease YouTube ARC Playlist](#)
 - ii. [Sickle Cell Disease Information](#)
 - iii. [Why Blood Donor Diversity Matters](#)
 - iv. [Share Your Race](#)
20. The submitted videos will be reviewed by the American Red Cross, and the top three (3) teams as selected by the American Red Cross will be awarded a financial scholarship. Both divisions will be reviewed together (Postsecondary/Collegiate and Secondary)
- a. 1st place = \$1000
 - b. 2nd place = \$750
 - c. 3rd place = \$250

Option 2 – Chapter Summary Video - for Chapter(s) of the Year

- 21. 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!
- 22. HOSA chapters who had numerous individuals work towards the ARC Individual recognition, can participate by creating a brief slide deck presentation or video presentation summarizing 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, 2025 as a file or as a publicly viewable link.

d. The submitted videos will be reviewed by the American Red Cross, and the top three (3) chapters as selected by the American Red Cross will be awarded financial scholarships:

- 1st place: \$1500
- 2nd place \$1000
- 3rd place \$500
- Both divisions will be reviewed together (Postsecondary/Collegiate and Secondary)

23. **Scholarship Recognition Process:** The winners of the two additional scholarship opportunities from the American Red Cross will be announced during an identified award / recognition session at the ILC.

Overlap with other Recognition Events:

24. 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.
25. Blood Drives with the American Red Cross (ARC) will count for this recognition event. Blood Drives with America's Blood Center (ABC) partner blood centers must be submitted for the America's Blood Center event. Any other blood drive conducted not with ARC or ABC should be counted as part of the Barbara James Service Award.