

America's Blood Centers and HOSA Blood Drive



New for 2023 – 2024

The ILC deadline for submissions has been changed to May 15 to align with other events.

These guidelines are written for ILC. States may modify events or have different event processes and deadlines. Be sure to check with your Local/State Advisor (or state website) to determine how the event is implemented for the regional/area or state conference. Editorial updates have been made. Clarification about recognition event overlap has been added.

Event Summary

The 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 a successful blood drive in their community. The United States is currently experiencing a blood supply shortage. Pre-COVID, many blood banks received 15% - 20% of their yearly volume from high school organized blood drives. This percentage has dramatically fallen the last few years. HOSA-Future Health Professionals has the opportunity to make an extraordinary impact in states and communities to aid in ABC and HOSA Blood Drives and positively address the national blood supply shortage. Through blood donation, HOSA members are saving lives and building the next generation of lifelong blood donors.

Sponsorship

This recognition event is sponsored by [America's Blood Centers](#).



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General Rules

1. Competitors in this event must be active members of HOSA-Future Health Professionals in good standing.
2. **Eligible Divisions:** Middle School, Secondary and Postsecondary/Collegiate division chapters are eligible to participate in this event.
3. Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the "[General Rules and Regulations of the HOSA Competitive Events Program \(GRR\)](#)."
4. **Overlap with other Recognition Events:** From 2022-2025 all Blood Drives hosted with ABC partner blood centers will be recognized through the America's Blood Center and HOSA Blood Drive recognition event. Blood Drives with 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 Barbara James Service Award. The following states have no America's Blood Center member center: Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts.
5. 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 a HOSA-sponsored blood drive in your community, will count towards your annual goal. Chapters are encouraged to think creatively in hosting blood drives either at your schools or in your communities throughout the year.

Resources

6. 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. The pdf can be found along with additional resources here: <https://americasblood.org/hosa>

Donor Tracking Link

7. Chapters will track their blood donations through the data portal found on the following website: <https://americasblood.org/hosa>
8. 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 available at www.AmericasBlood.org/HOSA
9. For recognition in this event, HOSA chapters must partner with an ABC Member Blood Center. The list of Blood Centers are available at this link: <https://americasblood.org/membership/membership-directory/>

To find a Blood Center near you, visit the Blood Center Locator here: <https://americasblood.org/for-donors/find-a-blood-center/>

10. Recipients of this award will be determined by data submitted through America's Blood Center's donor tracking site above.

Timeline and Recognition Levels and Process

11. For international recognition, this event may include activities from June 1, 2023 through May 15, 2024. Activities must be submitted using the ABC donor tracking link in #7 above.
12. For State Chartered Association recognition, this event may include activities from June 1, 2023 through the State Chartered Association published deadline. State Advisors will communicate State Chartered Association-level deadlines. ABC representatives will provide the approved list of HOSA chapters who participated in this recognition event to the State Chartered Association upon request.
13. All HOSA chapters who secure a minimum of sixty-five (65) donors between June 1, 2023 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 #7 will be recognized at their state association meeting each year. Please check with your State Advisor to see if your state is participating in the ABC and HOSA Blood Drive Event.
14. HOSA chapters receiving recognition at the International Leadership Conference will be provided a certificate based on their recognition level during the International Recognition Session. Recognition will be posted on the HOSA website following the ILC.
 - Levels of recognition:
 - Bronze Level: 65 – 150 donors
 - Silver Level: 151 – 249 donors
 - Gold Level: 250 + donors
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)