America's Blood Center & HOSA Blood Drives

Event Category: Recognition

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

New for 2026-2027

The data portal for tracking has been updated. Editorial changes have been made.

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 and 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 is still 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 seven 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 appreciates the sponsorship of this event by America's Blood Centers. America's Blood Centers has developed a special landing page for HOSA competitors and advisors. Take a look at the impact HOSA has made in the 2024 ABC highlight video!	

General Event Information

General Rules	Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the General Rules and Regulations.
Overlap with other Recognition Events	All Blood Drives hosted by ABC partner blood centers will be recognized through the America's Blood Center and HOSA Blood Drive recognition event. Blood Drives with the American Red Cross (ARC) will count for the American Red Cross Chapter Recognition event. Any other blood drive conducted outside of ARC or ABC should be counted as part of the Barbara James Service Award. The following states do NOT have America's Blood Center member centers: Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts. 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 about hosting blood drives at their schools or communities throughout the year.
Resources	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.

The expectation is that competitors read and are aware of all the content within these guidelines and associated links. Successful competitors will study all links for the detailed information.

Donor Tracking	1. Chapters will track their blood donations through the data portal found on the following website: 26-27 HOSA National Blood Drive Recognition Program Data Portal 2. Chapters will be asked to track the following data points for each blood drive conducted: • State • Charter # • School or Chapter name • Chapter Advisor name • Chapter Officer or Chapter Lead name • Number of Donors • ABC Member Blood Center name 3. 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/ 4. To find a Blood Center near you, visit the Blood Center Locator here: https://americasblood.org/for- donors/find-a-blood-center/. The following states do NOT have America's Blood Center member centers: West Virginia, New Hampshire, and Vermont. 5. Data submitted through America's Blood Center's donor tracking site above will determine the recipients of this award.
Timeline, Recognition Levels, and Process	1. For international recognition, this event may include activities from June 1, 2026. through May 15, 2027. Activities must be submitted using the ABC donor tracking link above. 2. For Chartered Association recognition, this event may include activities from June 1, 2026, through the published deadline. State Advisors will communicate Chartered Association-level deadlines. ABC representatives will provide the approved list of HOSA chapters that participated in this recognition event to the Chartered Association upon request by contacting memberservices@americasblood.org 3. All HOSA chapters that secure a minimum of sixty-five (65) donors between June 1, 2026, and the Chartered Association conference registration deadline (for Chartered Association recognition) and have submitted their blood donation tracking information to the ABC link will be recognized at the International Leadership Conference each year. 4. HOSA chapters will receive recognition based on the following levels: • Bronze Level: 65 – 150 donors • Silver Level: 151 – 249 donors • Gold Level: 250 + donors 5. Chapters earning recognition will be posted on the National HOSA website and will receive a certificate for the chapter. Chapters not attending ILC can contact their Chartered Association to receive a 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. 6. In addition, HOSA Chartered Association 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 with a plaque. • Small Chartered Association (2,000 or less members) • Medium Chartered Association (2,001 – 7,000 members) • Large Chartered Association (7,001+ members) 7. Two special recognition awards will also be selected each year by a joint HOSA/ABC selection committee for the Blood Drive Recruitment Award and Blood Drive Awareness Award.

	8. Those chapters attending the International Leadership Conference who have met the above criteria should register for the event. Those chapters who register for the event will be listed first at the Recognition Reception.

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.