

LifeShare Community Blood Services High School Parents' Scholarship Program

LifeShare Community Blood Services is a community-focused nonprofit organization committed to providing a safe and adequate blood and component supply for patient healthcare in Northeast Ohio.

Students and their parents across the region support our mission by donating blood. To acknowledge the crucial role students, parents, faculty and staff play in helping maintain an adequate blood supply, the LifeShare Community Blood Services Scholarship was created.

High school parents sponsoring LifeShare blood drives receive one \$500 scholarship for every 25 donations collected for students (on a cumulative basis). To allow more time for accumulation of points towards a scholarship, the program year will begin June 1 and continue through May 31.

Although the parents' program compliments and resembles the students' scholarship program, parents efforts provide an opportunity for additional students to benefit from the availability of more scholarships. The parents' scholarship program is treated as a separate entity. Therefore, funds earned through the program are for scholarship purposes only with no provisions for grants.

To apply for consideration, students need to complete an application form available through their guidance counselor.

Eligibility Criteria for Students

Applicant must:

- be a graduating senior;
- be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in the following academic year at an accredited college, university, or community college within the U.S.;
- be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.;
- the school cannot have eligibility criteria that excludes non-blood donors, that is, requiring the student to be a blood donor cannot be a criteria; and,
- *other criteria as established by your high school.*



Selection Process

Your high school will review all applications and select the recipient(s) of the LifeShare Community Blood Services Scholarship.

Limitation of Support

This scholarship is a one-time award for each recipient. At the end of the program year (May 31), your high school will provide LifeShare Community Blood Services with:

- the recipient's name, home address, telephone number, and social security number or college student ID;
- assurance that the eligibility criteria have been met;
- the name, telephone number and address of the college/university the recipient will be attending.

Scholarship funds must be used in the school year in which they are awarded. There will be no carry over to subsequent years. Furthermore, Scholarship funds must be used for tuition only; therefore, it cannot be used for book purchases, room and board, etc.

Instructions for Students

Applicants for the LifeShare Community Blood Services Scholarship must submit a completed and signed application to their school counselor by May 1; your school must submit selected recipient application(s) to LifeShare by June 1. Your school will not process for review incomplete, late or ineligible applications. Applicants will be notified of results by their counselor. Checks will be mailed directly to the recipient's college or university by September 15. For more information about the scholarship, please contact your high school guidance counselor.

