

Applying for the LifeShare Community Blood Services

Scholarship

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

High schools sponsoring LifeShare blood drives receive one \$500 scholarship for donations collected (on a cumulative basis) during a school year (June 1 through May 31). The number of donations to qualify is based upon school enrollment of eligible donors. In addition, new high schools that have never donated with LifeShare Community Blood Services will be eligible for one \$500 scholarship if they schedule one blood drive that collects 25 or more blood donations. Currently scheduled high schools will also be eligible for one of the following \$500 scholarships: if they currently have four or more scheduled blood drives during the school year; or, if they add one additional blood drive that collects 25 or more blood donations.

To apply for consideration, please complete an application form available through your guidance counselor.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicant must:

- be a graduating senior;
- be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in the following academic year at an accredited college, university, or business school 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

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 school year (May), your high school will provide LifeShare Community Blood Services with: the recipient's name, home address, telephone number, and social security number; assurance that the eligibility criteria have been met; and, 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.

High schools may choose to allocate, for another educational purpose (i.e., field trips, guest speakers, school programs, educational materials, books, subscriptions, classroom supplies, teaching aids, and equipment), a portion of the annual scholarship amount earned through the LifeShare Scholarship Program. Educational grants must be paid to vendors that have a current business relationship with the high school. The total amount of the grants must not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total scholarship funds available at the end of the program year (May 31) and will reduce by an equal amount the remaining funds that can be used for student scholarships.

Instructions

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.

