

# Applying for the LifeShare Community Blood Services Elementary and Middle School Educational Grant Program

To help encourage blood donations, LifeShare Community Blood Services has initiated an Elementary and Middle School Educational Grant Program to reward elementary and middle schools that host successful blood drives at their schools. Donors may include school teachers and staff, parents and relatives of students attending the school, and other adults in the school's neighborhood or community.

Elementary and middle schools that host a LifeShare blood drive will receive \$500 in educational grant funds for every 25 units of blood collected. Schools that host more than one blood drive may accumulate collections from June 1 through May 31 and \$500 will be awarded for each increment of 25 units collected.

LifeShare will provide schools with materials to properly promote each blood drive, schedules for signing up donors in advance, and assistance in planning and conducting the drive itself.

Each blood donation can help up to four residents from local communities who are in need of blood to sustain or save lives. At the same time, each donation can assist elementary and middle schools raise funds which can be used for educational purposes.

In order to qualify for a grant, schools must complete a grant request form. Grant requests are processed in two segments during the program year (June 1 thru May 31). Upon the terminal date, grant requests will be processed in the order received. Please allow 6-10 weeks for processing.

## Segment one payout:

- Drives held between June 1 and December 31 that have met the required 25 units per grant should submit their grant application(s) between January 1 and January 15 to allow sufficient processing time. No payout for this segment will be made prior to January 1. Excess units earned will be carried over into the cumulative total for the segment two payout.



## Segment two payout:

- Drives held between January 1 and May 31 that have met the required 25 units per grant should submit their grant application(s) between June 1 and June 15 to allow for sufficient processing time. Excess units earned will not be carried over into the new program year.

For all intent and purposes, grant requests will not be processed prior to the aforementioned segment payout periods. However, schools may elect to accumulate funds for the entire year with one payout at the end of the program year.

Grants must be used for **educational purposes** only. Such purposes include field trips, guest speakers and guest programs, educational materials such as books and subscriptions, classroom supplies, and teaching aids or equipment for **educational purposes** only.

Each grant must be made payable to a third party with whom the school has a business relationship. Multiple grants are permitted, but each grant must carry a minimum value of \$500.

