

# High School

## *Student Guide*

**SAVING LIVES 101**



**THE BLOOD  
CONNECTION**

*Your Community Blood Center*



BE PART OF THE  
CONNECTION  
IT STARTS  
WITH US

## **LAUNCHING** *Your New Beginning*

When you team up with The Blood Connection, you're continuing a legacy of high schoolers who chose to help save lives in this community. The Blood Connection is the blood provider for dozens of local hospitals, which means donations are helping your neighbors and friends. Since the 1960s, The Blood Connection has partnered with high schools like yours to host blood drives. Almost 60 years later, 100 high schools have joined that life-saving mission, bringing in hundreds of donations per year.

You and the other students at your school are the future of this community's blood supply. We sincerely appreciate the time, talent, and enthusiasm it takes to make your school's blood drive a success. We're here to help make you a lifesaver!







# HIGH SCHOOL Programs

## Graduate with Honors

The Blood Connection is proud to present high school blood donors with red honor cords to wear during their graduation ceremony. All students who donate blood at least 3 times during their high school career will receive honor cords.

Donations are not limited to the school's blood drive. They include any community drive or donations at one of our donation centers.

Red honor cords will be awarded to students upon completion of their third blood donation at the end of the Academic year. Wearing honor cords during the school's graduation ceremony will be left to the discretion of the school.

## DONATION REQUIREMENTS

- Must be 17 yrs old  
(16 yrs old with signed consent form)
- Weigh at least 110 lbs
- Have a good meal & stay fully hydrated



## Student Scholarship

Host a summer blood drive and receive a \$500 scholarship to the University of your choice and a letter of recommendation from our CEO.

## CRITERIA

- Submit a *Host a Blood Drive* form\*
- Meet with a TBC Employee
- Minimum of 36 units collected
- Rising Senior or Recent Graduate

\*Can be completed online at [thebloodconnection.org](http://thebloodconnection.org)

Blood Drive must be hosted during the summer months (June–August) when the student's school is not in session. Blood Drives hosted by or at the school that the student participates in does not qualify towards the scholarship. Student does not have to be a current or past blood donor to participate. Scholarship will be given to a University of the student's choice upon completion of the student's first blood drive that collects thirty-six (36) units of whole blood.

# STEP BY STEP

## *Guide to Hosting a Blood Drive*

### 1. When

Check for conflicts with other school activities  
(ex. testing days, holidays, sporting events, field trips, etc.)

Secure date with administration

### 2. Organize

Schedule appointments online

Establish schedule of volunteers

Provide a list of students w/Date of Birth info

### 3. After the Drive

Publicize results

Set/confirm date of next drive

### EXTRA CREDIT

- Form a committee, assign tasks
- Reach out to other school groups and clubs
- Posters throughout the school
- Daily school announcements
- Classroom speeches
- Promote on school marquee
- Email and/or text campaign
- Publicize results
- Set/confirm date of next drive



“Everyone wants to know that they’ve left things better than it once was. **It’s up to us to make a difference.**”

Temoor, Blood Drive Host  
Panther Creek High School

## SOCIAL MEDIA *Ambassador*

This is your time to shine and make us shine! This is a program that will get you extra points!

If you post a picture on social media about blood donation, or you donating blood with The Blood Connection, you will be entered to win 250 TBC Reward points and a special prize at the end of the school year!



## HOW TO FIND *A Blood Drive*

Visit [donate.thebloodconnection.org](https://donate.thebloodconnection.org) to search for a donation center or blood drive near you. We have roughly 50 blood drives happening every single day all across North and South Carolina. We try to make donating blood as convenient as possible for you! On our website, you can search by zip code, county, city, and by blood drive sponsor!





“ Sometimes teens are told that we’re too young to impact people, but blood donation gives us **an opportunity to save lives.**”

Hailey, Blood Drive Host  
James F. Byrnes High School



[thebloodconnection.org](https://thebloodconnection.org)

The Blood Connection is a non-profit organization. Blood can be donated every 56 days. Donors must be 16 years or older to donate. If you have recently donated, please share this information with a friend. TBC Donor ID Card (preferred) or photo ID required to donate.

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