



Suncoast Communities Blood Bank Scholarship Program

Suncoast Communities Blood Bank (SCBB) is committed to cultivating the “next generation” of blood donors, and high school student supporters through its *Generation Give* scholarship program. Studies show that individuals who are introduced to the importance of donating blood at a young age are more likely to become donors for life.

About the Generation Give Scholarship Program

- High schools in Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota counties are eligible to earn scholarship funds for their students, by holding a minimum of three blood drives during the school year.
- In order for scholarships to be awarded, applicants **MUST** meet the Student Eligibility Requirements. Funds will not be rolled over into the next school year if no qualified students apply.

Student Eligibility Requirements:

A student must demonstrate support of the school blood drive program by doing one of the following:

- Donate blood three times their senior year (donations with another blood bank will be counted)
- Volunteer at an SCBB donor center their senior year
- Volunteer as a *blood buddy three times during their senior year. (**a blood buddy is a student volunteer who coordinates their school's blood drives or helps on the days of the blood drive.*)
- Student must provide written confirmation of their participation by completing the **Volunteer Confirmation Form**
- Applicants must graduate during the current scholarship cycle.

Scholarship Amounts:

Scholarships funds are calculated on the total number of donor registrations and student volunteers at each school. For example: a school that has 500 students register to donate or volunteer, during the school year, will receive \$5.00 for each student, for a total of \$2,500 in scholarships. The minimum award is \$500, and possibly higher, depending on the total number of registrations/volunteers at the end of the school year, and the qualifications of the applicant. Note - scholarships are not guaranteed for each school or student if applicants do not meet the scholarship standards.

Selection Process:

Students must submit an application, which will be reviewed by a committee comprised of blood bank employees, board of directors and community leaders. Awards are based on:

- Accrued funds for the student's school
- Student's contribution to the school blood drive or volunteer service to SCBB
- Quality and content of application

Application and Deadline:

The 2011-2012 scholarship application is available on-line at www.scbb.org/G2, the school bloodmobile, or our donor centers in Sarasota, Bradenton, Lakewood Ranch, Nokomis and Arcadia. **Applicants must submit:**

- **Completed application form**
- **Official transcript**
- **Two teacher/administrator recommendation forms**
- **Volunteer Confirmation Form**

Applications can be submitted online or mailed or delivered to Suncoast Communities Blood Bank, Attn: Scholarship Program, 1760 Mound Street, Sarasota, FL 34236. Deadline to apply for a scholarship is **May 10, 2012**. *Note: Scholarships are paid directly to the college, university or technical school which the student is attending.*

Incomplete applications, or applications postmarked or hand-delivered after the submission deadline, will not be considered.

Questions? Contact Pam Wellman at 954-1600 ext. 1031 or pwellman@scbb.org



**Suncoast Communities Blood Bank
Scholarship Program**

Applicant name: _____
Phone number: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____
High School: _____
GPA: _____ weighted _____ Unweighted

Dates of blood donations made your senior year:

Dates of school blood drives at which you volunteered (three required if you did not donate blood three times your senior year, or volunteer at a donor center):

Number of volunteer hours worked at a Suncoast Communities Blood Bank donor center (required if you did not donate blood three times, or did not volunteer at three school blood drives your senior year):

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper, limit of 200 words per answer. If more than one sheet of paper is required, please put your name on each sheet.

1. Why did you choose to become a blood donor?
2. What did you learn as a blood donor or blood bank volunteer?
3. How would you motivate someone to donate blood for the first time?
4. What incentives could the blood bank offer to high school students to encourage blood donation?

Must be delivered or postmarked no later than May 10, 2012

Scholarship application check list (incomplete or late applications will not be considered)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship application | <input type="checkbox"/> Two teacher/administrator recommendation forms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer confirmation form | <input type="checkbox"/> Official transcript |

I affirm that the information I have provided is accurate.

Applicant Signature

Date



**Suncoast Communities Blood Bank
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**Teacher/Administrator
Recommendation Form**

Student Name: _____

High School: _____

This form to be completed by a faculty member or administrator
Completed application packet must be received no later than May 10, 2012

Why should this student receive a scholarship from Suncoast Communities Blood Bank?

What distinct leadership qualities does this student possess?

How has this student contributed to his/her school?

How do you envision this student contributing to the community once they graduate from college

How long have you known this student?

Name of person completing this form (please print)

Title

Signature

Date



**Suncoast Communities Blood Bank
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Volunteer Confirmation Form

Student Name: _____

High School: _____

Must be completed by the faculty blood drive coordinator
or the Suncoast Communities Blood Bank Volunteer Coordinator
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_____ has demonstrated support of the school blood drive
program by doing one of the following:

- Volunteering at an SCBB donor center their senior year; Number of hours: _____
- Volunteering as a *blood buddy three times during their senior year. (**a blood buddy is a student volunteer who coordinates their school's blood drives or helps on the days of the blood drive.*) Please list dates: _____

Name of person completing form (please print)

Title

Signature

Date