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Suncoast Communities Blood Bank Scholarship Program
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Suncoast Communities Blood Bank wants to help deserving high school and post high school/college students with scholarship money towards their education. In 2006, Suncoast Communities Blood Bank plans to award a total of \$21,000 in scholarships. The awards are given to academically meritorious and blood drive supporting high school and college students. This year more than 50 students will receive scholarships.

Scholarship applicants must be high school seniors or post high school/college students who are blood donors. Blood donors must be at least 16 years of age (with written parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health. If a person is medically ineligible to give blood, they may qualify by actively volunteering to promote the blood drive or by recruiting a friend to donate in their name. Only those students who take an active role to promote the blood drives during the school year will be eligible to receive a scholarship. Students will compete against other students within their schools but **there is no competition among schools.**

Official scholarship applications are available on the bloodmobile during a school's blood drive or in the school's guidance/financial aid office. For more information about the scholarship program, rules, applications or deadline please call Julie Platt, Public Relations and Marketing Manager at 941-954-1600 extension 272 or email communityrelations@scbb.org

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