



2011/2012 Get A Grip High School Student Scholarship

Overview

The Blood Center of Central Texas will award three \$1,000 scholarships for tuition assistance to eligible high school seniors who will be attending a higher education institution after graduation. These scholarships will recognize students who have shown a commitment to community service and volunteerism through organizing and participating in high school blood drives given by The Blood Center of Central Texas.

Scholarship applications will be reviewed by a Blood Center committee of community volunteers and recipients will be chosen based on the following criteria:

Blood Drive Participation/Blood Donation	35%
Essay	25%
Community Service/Volunteering	20%
Awards/Recognition/Certifications	10%
Letters of Recommendation	10%

Finalists will be chosen and invited to The Blood Center for personal interviews by committee members. The committee will choose three winners from the five finalists.

Eligibility Criteria

All application materials must be sent together in one envelope and be postmarked by Monday, March 1, 2012. Eligible applicants must:

- **Attend a high school who has sponsored at least two Blood Center of Central Texas blood drives within the 2011-2012 school year.**
- Be a U.S. Citizen or legal permanent resident.
- Be currently attending high school with a cumulative 2.5 grade point average or higher.

How to Apply

Complete the online application form and submit the original plus four copies of the application and its supporting materials. Resumes will not be accepted. Additionally, one official high school transcript must be included with your application packet. Applications may be mailed or delivered to The Blood Center, Attn. Cindy Rowe/Scholarship Program, 4300 N. Lamar, Austin, TX 78756.

Applications may be obtained on The Blood Center website, www.inyourhands.org. Click on Student area/Get a Grip High School Program/Scholarship Information. All documents are formatted as a pdf and can be downloaded to your computer for completion. No hand written applications will be accepted.

Applicants do not need to be accepted to a higher education institution before applying. Proof of enrollment will be required before award checks can be issued to schools for the student's benefit.

For More Information

Cindy Rowe, Public Relations Manager, (512) 206-1138, crowe@inyourhands.org



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Applicant Information:

Academic Year: 2011/2012

Application Deadline: March 1, 2012

Student Name (Last, First MI)

Date of Birth

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone: Home: _____ Other: _____

E-mail: _____

High School

City

Date of Graduation

GPA: _____

Educational Plans:

List all Colleges **Applied to:**

List any Colleges you have been **Accepted By:**

Applicant's Signature

Date

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1. BLOOD DRIVE PARTICIPATION/BLOOD DONATION (35 percent)

2. ESSAY (25 Percent)

Compose a one to two-page essay, double-spaced, typed in Times Roman, 12pt font on “Why I Choose to be Personally Active in Supporting the Cause of Blood Donation.” Please focus on your personal story rather than facts and statistics.

3. COMMUNITY SERVICE/VOLUNTEERING (20 percent)

List participation in community service/volunteer projects. Include beginning and ending dates.

4. AWARDS/RECOGNITION/CERTIFICATIONS (10 percent)

List any awards, honors, special recognition or certifications you have received.

5. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (10 percent)

Please attach three letters of recommendation from persons other than relatives. No more than two school recommendations may be included with your application.

Mail to:

The Blood Center of Central Texas
Attn: Cindy Rowe
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Austin, Texas 78756-3421

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