

## LifeSavings School Grant Program Funding Summary

**FEDERAL GUIDANCE:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) provides guidance governing volunteer blood donation. Volunteer donors can receive benefits, but they must not receive monetary payment (e.g., cash or an incentive that can be readily redeemed for cash) for their blood donation. This policy applies to both donors and any group the donor belongs to, since the donor could derive benefit through their associated group. Use of funds for purposes that do not meet the criteria described in this document may result in discarded units of blood, fines, and other penalties for ImpactLife. FDA guidance: 21 CFR 606.121(c) (5) of the cGMP.

**GRANT DESCRIPTION & ELIGIBILITY:** The LifeSavings School Grant Program from ImpactLife provides financial support to public and private schools including high schools, junior high, middle, and elementary, as well as accredited and/or licensed preK-12 schools for scholarships, charitable donations, educational expenses, or donations back to ImpactLife. The educational institution must be the primary sponsor or co-sponsor for the blood drive, and must have active student recruiters, coordinators, or participants to be eligible.

**AWARD ATTAINMENT:** Each blood drive that collects a minimum of 20 units can apply to receive a grant amount of \$250. In addition, \$1 will be awarded per (1) unit collected at the drive. *Example: If 50 people successfully donate at your drive, you will be eligible to receive a grant amount of \$300 (\$250 + \$50 = \$300).*

**APPLICATION PREPARATION:** School should confirm third party check payments are acceptable prior to original request. School should confirm their intended use of funds is able to be fully completed within six (6) months following payment issue date and understands funding cannot be issued in advance. All questions regarding the eligibility of a specific funding use should be directed to [lifesavings@impactlife.org](mailto:lifesavings@impactlife.org). Applications must be completed by an official school representative, such as the blood drive coordinator (with school approval) or school principal/leader. Complete applications must be submitted to ImpactLife within four (4) weeks following the drive event to remain eligible to receive grant funds.

**SELECTING USE OF FUNDS:** For all grants, funds 1.) cannot be applied to a use that solely benefits the blood drive sponsor group and 2.) cannot be issued directly to the school or blood drive sponsor group for general use. Please review additional requirements below specific to each funding use category:

Student Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship eligibility must not be solely determined by students' involvement in blood drive nor personal blood donation(s)</li> <li>Scholarship funds cannot support education expense at current (hosting) school.</li> <li>Grant disbursement will be paid directly to hosting schools' scholarship fund or designated account.</li> <li>Scholarship cannot be awarded directly to the student, rather paid directly to the higher education institution.</li> </ul>
Charitable Donations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nonprofit organization you choose to donate funds to cannot be related to your school or host group, even if they are a 501(c)3 organization or other IRS designated tax exempt not for profit organization</li> <li>If the non-profit charitable organization designated by the institution is not a 501(c)3, the designated Director or Executive of Blood Services at ImpactLife must provide specific approval.</li> </ul>
Classroom Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funds must be used for a project specified in detail within the application that meets both of the following criteria:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advance student or classroom enrichment to advance student skills, knowledge, or engagement</li> <li>Cannot solely benefit the blood drive host group/members</li> </ul> </li> <li>School should select a project able to use all grant funds at one vendor per grant application. Purchase must be equal to or exceed the amount of the grant funds received. Exceptions subject to review.</li> </ul>
Donations back to ImpactLife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record of donation and letter of appreciation will be mailed to school address to the attention of the drive coordinator and the principal.</li> </ul>

**APPLICATION REVIEW:** Upon submitting grant application, the applicant will receive notice of application approval or denial from ImpactLife within two (2) weeks. Reasons for application denial include, but are not limited to, inability to collect a minimum of 20 units per blood drive, unapproved intended use of funds, or incomplete application form submitted.

**FUND DISTRIBUTION:** Once the blood drive event and final grant application approval are both complete, ImpactLife will distribute funds (via check or gift card payment) to the school address within four (4) weeks. **It is the school's responsibility to distribute funds to the third-party payee (scholarship fund, nonprofit organization, or vendor) to be used as stated in approved grant application.**

**FUND REPLACEMENT FEES:** Check payments awarded through the LifeSavings School Grant Program must be cashed within six (6) months of payment issuance date. Fees will be deducted from any check payments requiring cancellation and/or replacement; to be voided and/or reissued. Your signature on the grant application acknowledges this fee structure.