

# Blood Donation Opportunities

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**American  
Red Cross**

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## Blood donors give patients the chance to create a summer of stories

**OMAHA, Neb.** (May 1, 2013) — With summer right around the corner, many people are now planning their summer activities and vacations. After all, summer is a time to create lifelong memories. When eligible donors give blood with the American Red Cross, they can also give others time to make their own memories — watching fireworks, having a picnic, sleeping under the stars, taking a dip or rooting for the home team.

Blood donations often decline during the summer, when schools are out and vacations are in. The Red Cross encourages donors to make an appointment to give now to help ensure a stable supply in the weeks and months ahead, giving patients a chance to create a summer of stories.

Donors who present to give blood between May 23 and 31 in honor of Memorial Day could win one of five \$1,000 American Express gift cards to create their own summer of stories. In addition, their donations will honor those who gave their life for our country and support those in need of care. The Red Cross serves about 3,000 hospitals and transfusion centers across the country, including many Veterans Affairs medical centers.

Learn more and make an appointment to donate blood by visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

### **Upcoming blood donation opportunities:**

#### **Cass County**

May 20 from 1:30-6:30 p.m. at Fire Hall, 601 N. Fourth in Elmwood, Neb.

May 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at VFW Post 2543 Plattsmouth, 510 First Ave. in Plattsmouth, Neb.

#### **Gage County**

May 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Carstens Center, 3000 Lincoln Blvd. in Beatrice, Neb.

May 30 from 12-6 p.m. at Community Building, 115 E. E St. in Wymore, Neb.

#### **Johnson County**

May 16 from 12-6 p.m. at Baptist Activity Center, Third and Jackson in Tecumseh, Neb.

#### **Lancaster County**

May 18 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Joseph's College, 5801 O St. in Lincoln, Neb.

May 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sam's Club, 8480 Andermatt Drive in Lincoln, Neb.

May 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Scheels All Sports, 2960 Pine Lake Road in Lincoln, Neb.

May 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Hy-Vee, 1601 N. 84th St. in Lincoln, Neb.

The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood.™

May 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Hy-Vee, 5020 N. 27th St. in Lincoln, Neb.  
May 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at GTE Industries, 4121 NW 37th in Lincoln, Neb.  
May 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Home Real Estate, 4501 S. 86th St. in Lincoln, Neb.  
May 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Nebraska Heart Institute Medical Office Building, 7440 S. 91st St. in Lincoln, Neb.

### **Nemaha County**

May 20 from 12-6 p.m. at 4-H Building, Ninth and J streets in Auburn, Neb.  
May 21 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Nemaha County Hospital, 2022 13th St. in Auburn, Neb.  
May 21 from 12-6 p.m. at 4-H Building, Ninth and J streets in Auburn, Neb.

### **Otoe County**

May 30 from 2-7 p.m. at Talmage Community Building, Main Street in Talmage, Neb.  
May 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cargill, 2601 Industrial Road in Nebraska City, Neb.

### **Pawnee County**

May 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pawnee County Memorial Hospital, 600 I St. in Pawnee City, Neb.

### **How to donate blood**

Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

### **About the American Red Cross**

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or join our blog at <http://blog.redcross.org>.

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