

Sixteen-Year-Old Blood Donor Parental Consent Form

Your 16-year-old child has expressed interest in donating whole blood at an upcoming blood drive or donor center. We hope that you support and encourage your child's decision to donate blood. He or she is showing civic responsibility, maturity, and a sense of community pride by donating blood.

Blood donation is a safe procedure using single-use, sterile supplies. Reactions like fainting and bruising may occur, but are not frequent. More serious reactions and injuries are rare, which include brief convulsions, nerve or artery injury from the needle. To help replenish iron lost during blood donation, Nebraska Community Blood Bank, in partnership with AABB, recommends young donors consider taking an iron supplement or a multivitamin with iron for a period of time after donating. We also recommend consulting with your physician or pharmacist to determine what type of iron supplement is right for your child.

Blood is tested for a variety of infections that can be transmitted by transfusion. These include HIV (the AIDS virus), viral hepatitis and others. Positive test results will cause your child's name to be entered into a private registry of excluded donors and your child will be notified of positive test results with medical significance and may be contacted for follow-up testing. In addition, from time to time blood is tested using research tests being developed for blood donor screening, such as new or emerging infectious diseases. All information and test results are confidential unless reporting is required by law.

A portion of your child's blood, not needed for transfusion, may be used for other research or educational opportunities. Research may include finding normal ranges for blood contents or educating laboratory students. Neither your child nor you will be reimbursed and may not have access to results of any research using the blood. Research results, age, race and/or gender may be shared with the research sponsor in a coded fashion, which will protect from any possibility of donor identification.

Nebraska Community Blood Bank requires written parental consent for donors aged 16. Please complete the parental consent form below. Only forms signed by a parent or guardian will be accepted at the time of donation. After a donor reaches the age of 17, parental consent is no longer required.

If you have any questions, please call 402-486-9400 and select option 1.

I hereby verify that my child is 16 years of age and meets the following physical criteria:

Males: Must weigh at least **118 lbs** at any height.

Please check: Male Female

Females:

Height	4'7" or shorter	4'8"	4'9"	4'10"	4'11"	5'	5'1"	5'2"	5'3"	5'4"	5'5" or taller
Min. Weight	160 lbs	155 lbs	150 lbs	145 lbs	145 lbs	140 lbs	135 lbs	130 lbs	125 lbs	120 lbs	118 lbs

Child's Name (print): _____ Child's Date of Birth _____

I understand that my child will be notified of positive test result(s) with medical significance, and if my child is no longer eligible to donate blood that my child may be contacted for follow-up testing.

I further understand that a signed consent will be required for each donation until my child reaches the age of 17.

I am the parent or legal guardian of the child named above and hereby give my permission and consent for my child to make a voluntary donation of blood to Nebraska Community Blood Bank.

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

(Please sign in ink)

A copy of this form can found on our website at NCBB.ORG/Am-I-Eligible