



Parental/Guardian Permission for Blood Donation

Your student is interested in donating blood. LifeSouth is furnishing this permission form either because your child is 16-years old or because your child's school requires parental permission regardless of the donor's age. State law allows 17-year-olds to give blood without the prior consent of the minor's parents (Code of Alabama, Section 26-1-3; Florida Statute 743.06; Georgia General Assembly Code 44-5-89).

For more information about blood donation, LifeSouth has provided your child with an informational booklet about donating blood. A copy of this booklet can be viewed at our web site: www.lifesouth.org.

Permission for Donation

As the parent of a minor child, LifeSouth asks you to review and agree to the information below, which is a summary of the information your child will be asked to agree to at the time of donation.

By signing this permission form, you understand and agree to the following:

- You have read and understand the *Responsibilities of a Blood Donor* sheet, which your child will read at the time of donation. Your child must not donate blood if your child's lifestyle or health puts your child at risk for donation or at risk to transmit AIDS or any other disease. You understand that your child will be asked, at the time of donation, to give a truthful and accurate medical, social, and sexual history in a confidential interview setting.
- Your child should donate blood with the intent of helping a patient and not for disease testing. Your child will be tested for hepatitis, AIDS, and other transfusion-transmitted diseases, as well as for tests to detect abnormal hemoglobin (such as Hemoglobin S, also known as the sickle cell trait). LifeSouth will have knowledge of your child's status as a blood donor and the test results for the viral markers. Some of these tests may be unlicensed for donor screening and are used for research only. LifeSouth will follow all laws related to the strict confidentiality of such testing and must report some positive test results to the State Health Department. LifeSouth is not a testing center and giving blood is not a guarantee that disease testing will be performed.
- LifeSouth may contact your child in the future to request blood donations, unless your child does not wish to be contacted.
- There can be side effects associated with donating blood, including hyperventilation, fainting or dizziness, nausea or vomiting, and bruising at the needle site. Although extremely rare, there are more serious complications including muscular or cardiac difficulties, convulsions, arm or nerve injury, or infection. After donation, your child should not engage in strenuous activity and should follow the post-donation recommendations. Your child donates blood at his or her own risk and LifeSouth is not responsible for financial reimbursement for any illness or injury that occurs from the donation.
- LifeSouth is a not-for-profit blood center that provides blood to community hospitals for a service fee that covers labor, materials, and other costs. Your child voluntarily donates blood to LifeSouth to be used as the blood center deems appropriate. LifeSouth may use your child's name, likeness, and donation information in promotional material as a blood donor.



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| Name of Minor Child (print): | Birth Date: |
| Age of Minor Child: <input type="checkbox"/> 17 years old <input type="checkbox"/> 16 years old | |

I verify that my child is 16 years or older, weighs 110 lbs. or more, is in good general health and is able to donate blood. I acknowledge that I have read and understand the information provided in this document. I authorize my minor child, listed above, to donate blood with LifeSouth.

I understand that, by signing this consent, I authorize LifeSouth to collect blood from my minor child at all future blood drives with LifeSouth unless I provide specific notice in writing to LifeSouth that my minor child may no longer donate blood with LifeSouth.

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| Printed Name of Parent/Guardian | |
| Parent/Guardian Address | |
| Parent/Guardian Daytime Phone Number | |
| Parent/Guardian Signature | |
| Date Signed | |

Acknowledgement of Donor Notification Results (16-year-old donors)

Blood donors who are 16, must complete this section to acknowledge additional information related to their donation. The medical and personal information and results of testing will be held by LifeSouth in strict confidence and will not be disclosed to anyone without the donor’s written consent unless the donor is a minor under the age of 17. LifeSouth will report positive disease screening results to the donor and to the donor’s parent or legal guardian, if the donor has not yet reached his or her 17th birthday.

I acknowledge and consent to the fact that LifeSouth will notify me and my parent or legal guardian if my blood donation results in positive disease screening results.

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| Student/Donor Signature | Date |
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LifeSouth Use Only

Affix a human-readable unit number sticker below.

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| Unit Number | |
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Responsibilities of a Blood Donor

Please read the following information before you decide to donate.

Protect Yourself and the Patient

Blood donors can save lives, but only if they help make sure the blood they give is safe. In order to protect you and the patients who may receive your blood, LifeSouth asks questions about your health and lifestyle. You have a responsibility as a blood donor to truthfully answer all of these questions. Please note the following:

- Regulations require us to ask every donor these questions before every donation.
- Even if you have answered the same questions on a prior donation, you must still provide complete, accurate responses on this donation.
- Your truthfulness in answering the questions is extremely important.
- If at any time you do not understand a question or term, please ask us to explain.
- Some questions will be about sexual activity, illegal drug use, your travel history, and infectious diseases.
- If you feel uncomfortable about disclosing this information, you should not donate.
- All information you provide is strictly confidential.
- If you do not want to answer a question, you can simply walk away without discussion.
- **If you are donating at work or with friends**, we can provide you with an excuse for not donating if necessary.
- **If you do not speak English well** and need an interpreter, please let us know. We can provide Spanish language interpreters to assist you if necessary.

HIV, Infectious Diseases, and Blood Donations

HIV and other infectious diseases can be transmitted through donated blood. LifeSouth tests all donations for HIV. However, HIV is not detectable in the blood for a period of time after exposure. A recently infected person may test negative, and if that person's blood is transfused, HIV can be transmitted to a patient.

If you want to find out your HIV status, do not donate blood. Instead, contact your local Health Department, where you can get a quick and anonymous HIV test.

Symptoms of **HIV/AIDS** include:

- Blue or purple spots in the mouth or on the skin
- Unexplained weight loss or night sweats
- Swollen lymph nodes for more than one month
- White spots or unusual sores in the mouth
- Cough that will not go away or shortness of breath
- Diarrhea that will not go away
- Fever of more than 100.5°F for more than 10 days

For more information on infectious diseases, such as HIV or hepatitis, please ask us for an educational pamphlet.

After Your Donation

For the remainder of the day, we ask that you not participate in strenuous activity or critical work where safety requires your maximum abilities. If you remember something that may affect the safety of the blood you donated, or if you feel your blood should not be given to patients, please contact LifeSouth at

1-866-592-8678.

Testing and Notification of Test Results

We will test your blood for various infectious diseases. You can choose not to be tested; however, if you so choose, we cannot accept your blood donation. Blood that tests positive for any infectious agent will not be used for transfusion. LifeSouth will be testing your blood with a test (Ultrio®) that detects the genetic material of HIV, Hepatitis C (HCV), and Hepatitis B (HBV). This test is licensed by FDA to detect HIV and HCV; however, its ability to detect HBV infection before other currently licensed tests do so is unknown. LifeSouth is participating in an FDA-accepted study to determine if Ultrio® detects infection with HBV before currently licensed tests do. If you test positive for HBV with Ultrio® and negative with the licensed screening tests, we will invite you to participate in this study.

If any of your tests are positive, we will notify you by letter and provide you information about any recommended follow-up course of action. Notification may be delayed up to 50 days. Drawing additional samples may be necessary to better understand and interpret the results. A positive test may prevent you from being able to donate blood in the future. Please note that sometimes tests can result in false positives, which means that although your blood tests positive, you do not have the disease. We will notify you of false positives if it affects your donation status.

Thank you for considering donating blood today.