

Donor Suitability

Most people find that they are able to donate blood. Please don't count yourself out! If you have questions about whether you are eligible to donate blood, please contact our manager at 512-206-1108 or whocandonate@inyourhands.org.

Automated Blood Donation

Red cell blood donation can help you increase your donations in half the time. We use an automated blood donation machine which allows a donor to give only red blood cells during their donation.

Red blood cells are the component most frequently transfused to patients at area hospitals. Red blood cells carry oxygen to all parts of the body. Surgery patients, severe accident victims, cancer patients and patients with anemia are common recipients of red blood cell transfusions.

A red cell blood donation may be made every 16 weeks and takes only 20 minutes on the donation bed. During a donation, red blood cells are separated and removed from the other whole blood components. The separated whole blood components are returned to the donor with the addition of saline fluid.

Double the points! Your donors will earn 500 points for every red cell blood donation, which they can redeem for merchandise on The Blood Center's Online Rewards Store. Every regular whole blood donation earns donors 250 points.

Talk with your Account Executive to find out if red cell blood donations are suitable for your blood drive.

Is automated blood donation right for your donors?

Men:	5'1", at least 130 lbs
Women:	5'5", at least 150 lbs
Preferred Types:	O-, O+, A-, B-, AB-