



# ILLINOIS FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

## Education and Research Foundation

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Dear Chief,

As you may be aware we launched a program several years ago for the Illinois Fire Chiefs Education and Research Foundation Scholarship program with Vitalant to develop a blood drive initiative for our communities. As we all know we've seen many of your budgets cut dramatically and education continues to be in the forefront of the items lost in this process. This program provides funding for the scholarship program every year.

**This programs success is dependent on your participation.** We need you to hold two blood drives this year. It's just that simple! We are only requiring a minimum of 30 presenting donors per drive, but most drives see at least twice that amount when fire departments are involved. Additionally, we have special periods throughout the year where incentive points are available and will enhance the success of your drive. Lastly, we have a virtual option that you can share throughout your community for anyone to donate when they have time by scanning this QR Code, the Foundation will get credit for their donation!

Once you're interested and want to participate, please contact **Jamie Lauer**, [jlauer@vitalant.org](mailto:jlauer@vitalant.org), 847.302.6549, our Vitalant Authorized Sr. Manager, and she will match your location to a Vitalant Donor Recruitment Representative who will reach out to you to begin the planning of your blood drive we will they will bring you an agreement you would sign to participate in the program.



This program will not work without your help! Every pint of blood is part of a point system that counts towards dollars for the scholarship program. We need you to be a part of this program and champion it locally. Your help with this program helps to enhance the careers of many through matching scholarship dollars provided by Vitalant to the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association Educational and Research Foundation.

**Be a "Champion" in making our Foundation a strong & reliable source for training OUR FIREFIGHTERS!**

Additional information is available by contacting us at [chiefswanson@outlook.com](mailto:chiefswanson@outlook.com). We have a team of ambassadors that can assist you in setting this up and making your department shine in your community!

**PLEASE, HELP US HELP YOU! We all know someone who's needed critical, lifesaving blood!**

Respectfully,

*Chief J. P. Moore*

Foundation President (Ret. Crystal Lake FD)

*Chief Jeffrey Swanson*

Foundation Director (Ret. BCFPD)

# VIRTUAL BLOOD DRIVE



## Everyday Heroes Virtual Blood Drive



**CLICK HERE** TO SCHEDULE YOUR DONATION

### STEP 1



Join my virtual  
blood drive.

### STEP 2



Find a convenient  
location – schedule  
or walk in.

### STEP 3



Prepare for your  
donation with a  
healthy meal and  
hydration.

### STEP 4



Donate blood,  
transform lives.



Please make sure to **use the same email address** when you join, schedule and donate to ensure your donation is connected to the correct virtual blood drive.

For more information or to schedule a donation,  
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