

State Legislation for Blood Donor Age Guidelines

Hoxworth Blood Center collects blood in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

Each state has passed legislation relating to the age of blood donors.

Below, each state's legislation is cited:

Ohio

Ohio Revised Code Annotated 2108.21

"Any person seventeen years of age or older may donate blood in a voluntary blood program, which is not operated for profit, without consent of his parent or guardian. Before obtaining blood donations from students at high schools, joint vocational schools, or technical schools, a program shall arrange for the dissemination of written donation information to students to be shared with their parents or guardians. This information shall include a statement that the students will be requested to donate blood."

Kentucky

Kentucky Revised Statute Chapter 214

"Any person seventeen (17) years of age or older may donate blood in a voluntary blood program, which is not operated for profit, without consent of the person's parent or guardian. Before soliciting blood donations from students in high schools, joint vocational schools, or technical schools, a blood program, in cooperation with school authorities, shall make reasonable efforts to notify the parents or guardians of the students that the students will be requested to donate blood."

Indiana

Indiana Code 16-36-1-3

"Any person of the age of seventeen (17) years or over shall be eligible to donate blood in any voluntary and noncompensatory blood program without the necessity of obtaining parental permission or authorization."

Please see the www.hoxworth.org/highschool for a link to a sample letter that Hoxworth suggests you use to inform the parents of your students about the upcoming blood drive.