

# Donate Life High School Poster Contest

## Organ & Tissue Donation Facts



### Learn the Facts

Despite continuing efforts at public education, misconceptions and inaccuracies about donation persist. Learn these facts to help you better understand organ and tissue donation:

**Fact:** Anyone can be a potential donor regardless of age, race, or medical history.

**Fact:** All major religions in the United States support organ, eye and tissue donation and see it as the final act of love and generosity toward others.

**Fact:** If you are sick or injured and admitted to the hospital, the number one priority is to save your life. Organ, eye and tissue donation can only be considered after you are deceased.

**Fact:** When you are on the waiting list for an organ, what really counts is the severity of your illness, time spent waiting, blood type, and other important medical information, not your financial status or celebrity status.

**Fact:** There is no cost to the donor or their family for organ or tissue donation.

**Fact:** Registering to be a donor is easy. Register when you apply for or renew your driver's license or State ID and share your wishes with family. Register online anytime (18 years and older) at [www.RegisterMe.org](http://www.RegisterMe.org) and again, be sure to share your wishes with your family.

**Fact:** More than 117,000 men, women and children in our country are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; and 22 people a day do not survive because an organ did not become available in time.

### Learn more at:

[www.DonateLife.net](http://www.DonateLife.net)

[www.organdonor.gov](http://www.organdonor.gov)

[www.DonateLifeNewEngland.org](http://www.DonateLifeNewEngland.org)

### Videos:

***Your Decision to Donate***, 8 minute video for teens:

<http://bit.ly/U0qnRa>

***Donation & Transplantation: How does it Work?***, a 5-minute overview on donation and transplant:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HuKx2a5HKIM>