Training and Certification Committee Minutes
Embassy Suites, 2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294
Wednesday, July 10, 2019 – 10:30 am

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff	Others
R. Jason Ferguson – Chair	Dr. Robin Foster	Scott Winston	Tom Olander
William Akers		Debbie Akers	Donna Galganski Pabst
Craig Evans		Chad Blosser	Cathy Cockrell
Christopher Kroboth		Peter Brown	Steven Moring
Brian McIntosh		Ron Passmore	Al Thompson
Dr. Charles Lane		Wanda Street	Megan Middleton
Lisa Hale		Dr. George Lindbeck	Daniel Linkins
Larry Oliver			Michael McDonald
William Fritz			Tracey Senate
			Michelle Ludeman
			Jason Ambrose
			Nicholas Klimenko
			Lauren Hartman
			Michael Hellard
			Kirk McKinley
			Amy Howard

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Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
I. Welcome	R. Jason Ferguson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.	
II. Introductions	Introductions were made of committee members and guests.	
III. Approval of Agenda	The Committee reviewed the Agenda for today's meeting. (**Attached**)	**Approved by consensus**
IV. Approval of Minutes	The Committee reviewed the minutes of the April 3, 2019 Quarterly Meeting. Minutes available online: http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/education-certification/training-certification-committee-standing/.	**Approved by consensus**

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V. Reports of Committee Members	A. Reports of Committee Members 1. Chairman Report – R. Jason Ferguson a. Welcome new committee member and returning committee member – Lisa Hale, VAVRS and Billy Fritz, Non-VCCS Program. 2. Medical Direction Committee – Dr. Charles Lane a. Discussion of scope of practice line by line comparison to new EMS National Scope. 3. Committee Members: a. Non-VCCS EMS Program – Billy Fritz – No report. b. VCCS – Bill Akers – No report. c. VAVRS – Lisa Hale – No report. d. Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Craig Evans – No report. e. EMSC – Dr. Robin Foster – Absent. f. VAGEMSA – Larry Oliver – No report. g. Fire Based Organization – Christopher Kroboth – No report. h. Educators – Brian McIntosh – No report. B. Office of EMS 1. Division of Accreditation, Certification & Education a. Education Program Manager – Chad Blosser, OEMS a. OEMS Construction Update – Phase 1 is done. Phase 2 is three quarters done. Phase 3 is still incomplete. An Open House will be held upon completion. b. Education Coordinator Process Update i. OIM Updates – Psychomotor and hour requirements discussion. No candidates to take psychomotor exam. Met and worked with IT team to get hour requirements set. ii. EC Institute Schedule – Next Institute will be held at Radford University Carilion in Roanoke end of this month with 32 candidates. Schedule posted on OEMS website in more detail. c. EMS Scholarship Program – The scholarship was programmed to run on fiscal year July 1 through June 30, but in state government, the month of June is closing the fiscal year. Had to rush updates out to EMS portal to change scholarship closing date which was June 5. Opened FY20 on June 6. Disbursed $554,000. No pending scholarships for FY19. d. OEMS Continuing Education Contract Staff – Discussion to hire 21 educators to teach Category 1 CE. One educator per planning district across the state. Recruitment process has begun and has filled four positions. OEMS will give them cell phones and laptops. Information will be sent out to the regional agencies. More information concerning the educators will be on the OEMS website. Dr. George Lindbeck asked if anyone seen a change in AEMT because there is a decrease in scholarship applications. Chad stated that this may be due to not being recognized as an ALS	`

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	level. Jason Ferguson's area (BREMS) has seen an increase in AEMT. Debbie stated that we need to understand data and the nomenclature. They want to call everyone a paramedic. b. Manager, ACE Division – Debbie Akers, OEMS – Discussion on her attending the meeting in May to rewrite the National Education Standards. The focus of the rewrite is the 2018 Scope of Practice. We cannot exceed it. The committee was asked to look at a degree requirement. They are not going forth with that. First draft of National Scope is coming out in August. Following that meeting Debbie attended a National Registry meeting to work on the new practice analysis. This will dramatically change. • Bill Akers – Is the primary focus on first responders or are they also looking at inter-facility and community paramedicine EMS? Debbie said they were asked to look at all the specialties. They want the exact education across the board. • Craig Evans – What is the timeline they anticipate the Educational Standards to be released. Debbie replied August 2020. • Dr. Charles Lane asked Debbie to send a copy of the Scope of Practice to the doctors. She stated that she will. • Debbie thanked everyone that reached out to congratulate her in her new position. She also reported that OEMS will hire an Accreditation Program Manager. This will be a telework positon. • At National Registry's June board meeting they have agreed to recognize the under 18 population. Certification cards will not be issued until they reach age 18. The other thing is that licensed medical professionals will have to have a challenge to gain paramedic certification. a. Accreditation – Report was distributed as a handout; there are 7 programs that will receive letters of review. b. NR Pass Rates – Also distributed as a handout; there is a 94.1% first attempt pass rate. c. Symposium 2019 – No Update will be taught at symposium. Chad sent out an email to educators. There will be three General Sessions-Thurs, Fri., and Sat. mornings. Randy Mantooth will be speaking on Saturday morning. There is a confidential, dynamic speaker for Saturday night's banquet. The fee will be $10. Thursday night will feature a dinner theatre with a magician. That fee is also $10. Registration opens on Monday, July 15. The hotel registration is tied to your symposium registration. There will be no more holding 15 to 20 rooms. 2. Division of Consolidated Testing and Video Production a. Certification Testing Coordinator – Peter Brown, OEMS – Still working offsite due to renovations not completed. PEG is in final review. Hope to get the PEG on the web in a week or so. Updated skill sheets are on the web along with the latest CTS forms. 3. State Medical Director – Dr. George Lindbeck – No report. 4. Regulation & Compliance – Ron Passmore – Chapter 32 is on hold. There are areas that need to be added. Routine periodic review is open on 12 VAC5-66 which is DNR regulations. The public comment period is August 5 through 26. Changes are coming in regards to how fingerprint background checks are done. A state contract vendor, Fieldprint, will be collecting the fingerprints directly from the applicants and electronically submitting them to State Police and FBI via live scan technology. This will take effect in 90 days. Ron announced the	

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	retirement of Heather Phillips Greene effective November 1. OEMS will begin the recruiting process soon for that position. 5. Director/Asst. Director –Scott Winston – Central Shenandoah EMS Council was struggling to maintain the operation of their office. OEMS has given some assistance. We were recruiting for a program manager for the CSEMS Regional office which will be a state position. Six or seven applications were received during the initial recruitment, but the applicant pool was not strong enough. The position was reopened for recruitment and there were good applicants. Interviews will be held in the next few weeks. Scott announced that Warren Short will be retiring on October 1. Next Wednesday at the Rescue Squad Association headquarters, there will be a meeting of the Virginia Fire Services Council. Next Thursday the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will hold a workgroup meeting. They will discuss the House Bill about occupational exposure to decedent blood and testing blood of deceased patients. Finally, OEMS is participating in a pilot with National Registry in regard to national coordinated databases. This process began as a result of REPLICA. 6. Other Office Staff – No report.	
VI. Committee Discussion Items	A. TR-90a Review Workgroup Update – R. Jason Ferguson The workgroup met yesterday and made a lot of progress. The workgroup reviewed the competency tracking for the accredited programs. Part of the reason for the review is the cumbersome items within the form. The goal is to improve the quality of the education experience rather than the quantity and repetition of the skills. It will be aligned with the Appendix G format of the National Scope. It will focus on Lab and Scenario based settings. The workgroup is still working on that. The intent is to have a document presented by the next meeting.	
VII. Previous Business	None.	
VIII. New Business	None.	
XI. Public Comment	Tom Olander – When does symposium registration open and when do you get hotel room? He understands that you have to register before you get a room. Debbie stated that registration opens on Monday, July 15 and you can get your room booked on Monday. You will have until October 11 to make changes to your classes as long as they are not full. Mike McDonald – A survey was sent out to the education coordinators asking about interest in serving on committees. Where does this stand? Jason stated that for the two workgroups of this committee, the members have already been selected. In the future, that would be the same process for selecting workgroup members.	
X. Dates for 2019 Meetings	A. Scheduled dates: 1. October 2, 2019 2. January 8, 2020	

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	B. Meetings for the remainder of this year will be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton, 2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294	
XI. Adjourn	1. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.	**Motion by Craig Evans, second by Chris Kroboth.**

Respectfully submitted by: Wanda L. Street, Secretary Sr.
OEMS Staff Representative
July 10, 2019

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Training & Certification Committee

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Meeting Agenda

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- **II. Introductions**
- **III. Approval of Agenda**
- **IV. Approval of Minutes from April 3, 2019**
- **V. Reports of Committee Members**
  - A. **Reports of Committee Members**
    1. Chairman Report
    2. Medical Direction Committee
    3. Committee Members
  - B. **Office of EMS**
    1. Division of Accreditation, Certification & Education (ACE)
       - a. Education Program Manager – Chad Blosser, OEMS
         - a. OEMS Construction Update
         - b. Education Coordinator Process Update
           - i. OIM Updates – Psychomotor and hour requirements
           - ii. EC Institute Schedule
         - c. EMS Scholarship Program
         - d. OEMS Continuing Education Contract Staff
       - b. Manager, ACE Division – Debbie Akers, OEMS
         - a. Accreditation
         - b. NR Pass Rates
    2. Division of Consolidated Testing and Video Production

a. Certification Testing Coordinator – Peter Brown, OEMS

3. State Medical Director – Dr. George Lindbeck
4. Regulation & Compliance – Ron Passmore, OEMS
5. Director/Asst. Director – Gary Brown/Scott Winston, OEMS
6. Other Office Staff

VI. Committee Discussion Items

A. TR-90a Review Workgroup Update – Jason Ferguson

VII. Previous Business

VIII. New Business

IX. Public Comment

X. Dates for *2019* Quarterly Meetings

A. Scheduled dates:
   1. July 10th, 2019
   2. October 2nd, 2019
   3. January 8th, 2020

B. Meetings for the remainder of this year will be held at Embassy Suites by Hilton, 2925 Emerywood Pkwy, Richmond, VA 23294

XI. Adjourn

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National Registry Statistics

EMT Statistics
As of 07/09/2019

Virginia:

Report Date:	7/9/2019 6:49:45 PM
Report Type:	State Report (VA)
Registration Level:	EMT
Course Completion Date:	3rd Quarter 2016 to 3rd Quarter 2019
Training Program:	All

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The results of your report request are as follows:

Attempted The Exam	First Attempt Pass	Cumulative Pass Within 3 Attempts	Cumulative Pass Within 6 Attempts	Failed All 6 Attempts	Eligible For Retest	Did Not Complete Within 2 Years
8209	70% (5782)	80% (6594)	81% (6635)	0% (4)	12% (1013)	7% (562)

National Registry Statistics:

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227299	69% (157866)	80% (182687)	81% (184079)	0% (193)	13% (28599)	6% (14552)

Individual Instructor Statistics are available on the OEMS webpage at the following link: http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/23/2018/07/07-10-2018-EMT-Pass-Rates-Publish.pdf

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Accreditation Report

Accredited Training Site Directory

As of July 9, 2019

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Accredited Paramedic Training Programs in the Commonwealth

Site Name	Site Number	BLS Accredited	# of Alternate Sites	Accreditation Status	Expiration Date
Blue Ridge Community College	79005	No	--	CoAEMSP - LOR	
Central Virginia Community College	68006	Yes*	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
ECPI University	70017	Yes*	--	CoAEMSP - LOR	
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College	08709	No	2	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
Jefferson College of Health Sciences	77007	Yes*	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
John Tyler Community College	04115	Yes*	--	National - Initial	
Lord Fairfax Community College	06903	No	--	National – Initial	CoAEMSP
Loudoun County Fire & Rescue	10704	No	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
Northern Virginia Community College	05906	Yes	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
Patrick Henry Community College	08908	No	--	CoAEMSP – Initial	CoAEMSP
Piedmont Virginia Community College	54006	Yes	1	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
Prince William County Dept of Fire and Rescue	15312	Yes*	--	CoAEMSP – Initial	CoAEMSP
Rappahannock Community College	11903	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Initial	CoAEMSP
Southside Virginia Community College	18507	No	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
Southwest Virginia Community College	11709	Yes*	3	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
Stafford County & Associates in Emergency Care	15319	Yes*	5	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
Thomas Nelson Community College	83012	Yes*	--	CoAEMSP – LOR	
Tidewater Community College	81016	Yes*	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
VCU School of Medicine Paramedic Program	76011	Yes	1	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP

Programs accredited at the Paramedic level may also offer instruction at EMT- I, AEMT, EMT, and EMR, as well as teach continuing education and auxiliary courses.

- ECPI University accreditation site visit was conducted on June 25 & 26, 2019.
- Thomas Nelson Community College under Letter of Review to conduct their first cohort class.
- Stafford County & Associates in Emergency Care CoAEMSP site visit for continued accreditation was conducted in August, 2018. Awaiting report.
- Lord Fairfax Community College site visit for continued accreditation was conducted in September 2018. Awaiting report.
- Patrick Henry Community College site visit for continued accreditation was conducted in November 2018. Awaiting report.

*** Indicates program has been approved for in-house psychomotor competency verification.**

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Accredited Intermediate Training Programs in the Commonwealth

Site Name	*Site Number*	*BLS Accredited*	*# of Alternate Sites*	*Accreditation Status*	*Expiration Date*
Central Shenandoah EMS Council	79001	Yes	4	State – Full	December 31, 2019
Danville Area Training Center	69009	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2019
Hampton Fire & EMS	83002	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2019
Henrico County Fire Training	08718	Yes*	--	State – Full	August 31, 2020
James City County Fire Rescue	83002	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2019
Norfolk Fire Department	71008	No	--	State – Full	July 31, 2021
Paul D. Camp Community College	62003	Yes	--	State – Full	May 31, 2021
Southwest Virginia EMS Council	52003	Yes*	--	State – Full	December 31, 2019
UVA Prehospital Program	54008	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2019
WVEMS – New River Valley Training Center	75004	No	--	State – Full	June 30, 2022

Programs accredited at the Intermediate level may also offer instruction at AEMT, EMT, and EMR, as well as teach continuing education and auxiliary courses.

- All accredited programs whose expiration date was less than December 31, 2019 has been extended until that time based on the end date established by National Registry for I-99 testing. If these programs desire to remain accredited, they will be required to submit an AEMT reaccreditation self-study.

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Accredited AEMT Training Programs in the Commonwealth

Site Name	*Site Number*	*BLS Accredited*	*# of Alternate Sites*	*Accreditation Status*	*Expiration Date*
Fauquier County Fire & Rescue – Warrenton	06125	Yes	--	State – LOR	June 30, 2020
Frederick County Fire & Rescue	06906	Yes*	--	State – Full	July 31, 2020
Newport News Fire Training	70007	No	--	State – LOR	June 30, 2020

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Site Name	Site Number	BLS Accredited	# of Alternate Sites	Accreditation Status	Expiration Date
Hampton Roads Regional EMS Academy (HRREMSA)			--		
Rockingham County Dept of Fire & Rescue					

Above Programs are under final review for the issuance of a Letter of Review for the initial cohort.

Accredited EMT Training Programs in the Commonwealth

Site Name	*Site Number*	*# of Alternate Sites*	*Accreditation Status*	*Expiration Date*
Arlington County Fire Training	01305	-	State – Letter of Review	July 31, 2020
Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire EMS	71006	--	State – Full	July 31, 2020
City of Virginia Beach Fire and EMS	81004*	--	State – Full	July 31, 2020
Chesterfield Fire & EMS	04103*	--	State – Full	July 31, 2020

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Site Name	Site Number	# of Alternate Sites	Accreditation Status	Expiration Date
Augusta County Fire-Rescue		-		
Gloucester Volunteer Fire & Rescue				
Hampton Roads Regional EMS Academy (HRREMSA)				
Rockingham County Dept of Fire & Rescue				

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Virginia EMS Scholarship Quarterly Report

Virginia
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
Virginia Department of Health

Quarterly Report

Virginia EMS Scholarship Program

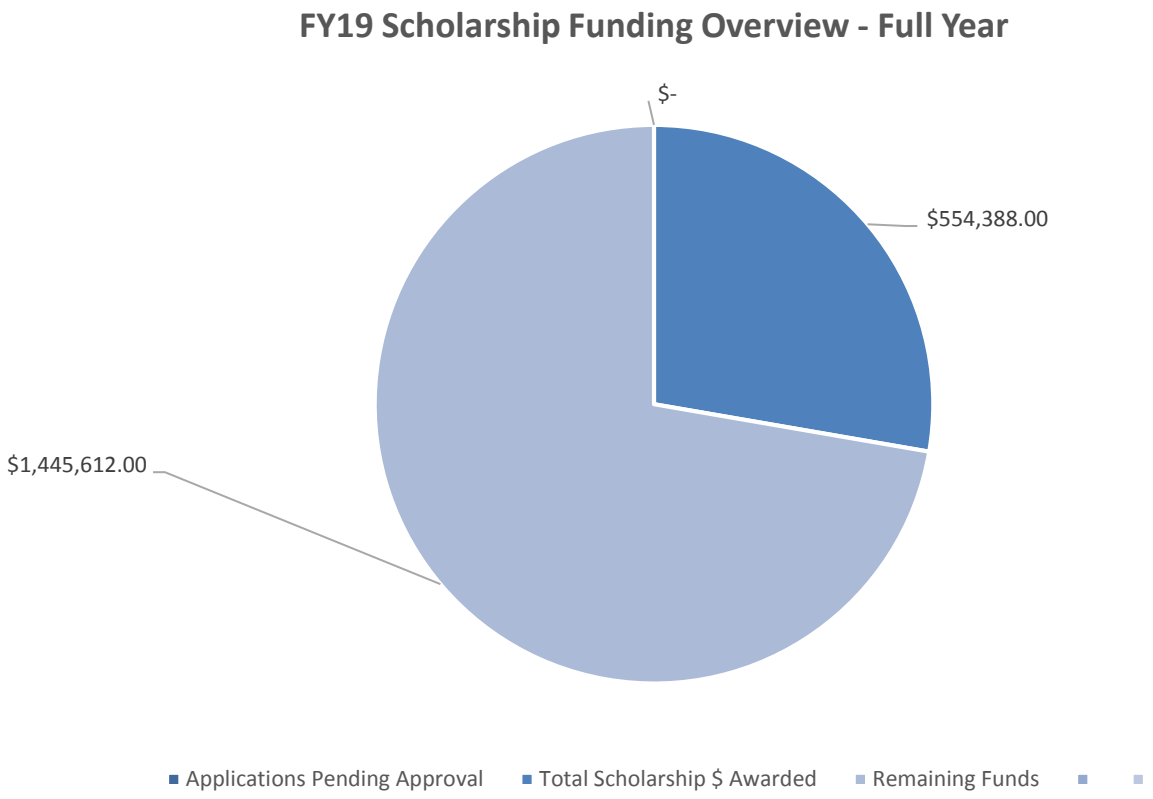
Q4 – FY19

Division Accreditation, Certification & Education

FY19 Scholarship Budget

The FY19 budget for the Virginia EMS Scholarship Program is $2,000,000.00. The following chart shows a breakdown of funding based on three (3) categories: 1) Applications Pending Approval, 2) Total Scholarship $ Awarded, and Remaining Funds.

- **Application Pending Approval** – this category includes the total dollar value for all applications received from July 1, 2018 through June 4, 2019. This covers Q1 through Q4 for FY19.
- **Total Scholarship $ Awarded** – this category is the total dollar value for all scholarship applications which have been approved and are in the process of being paid.
- **Remaining Funds** – this category is the total dollar value of funds remaining in the scholarship program and available for to students for the remainder of the fiscal year.

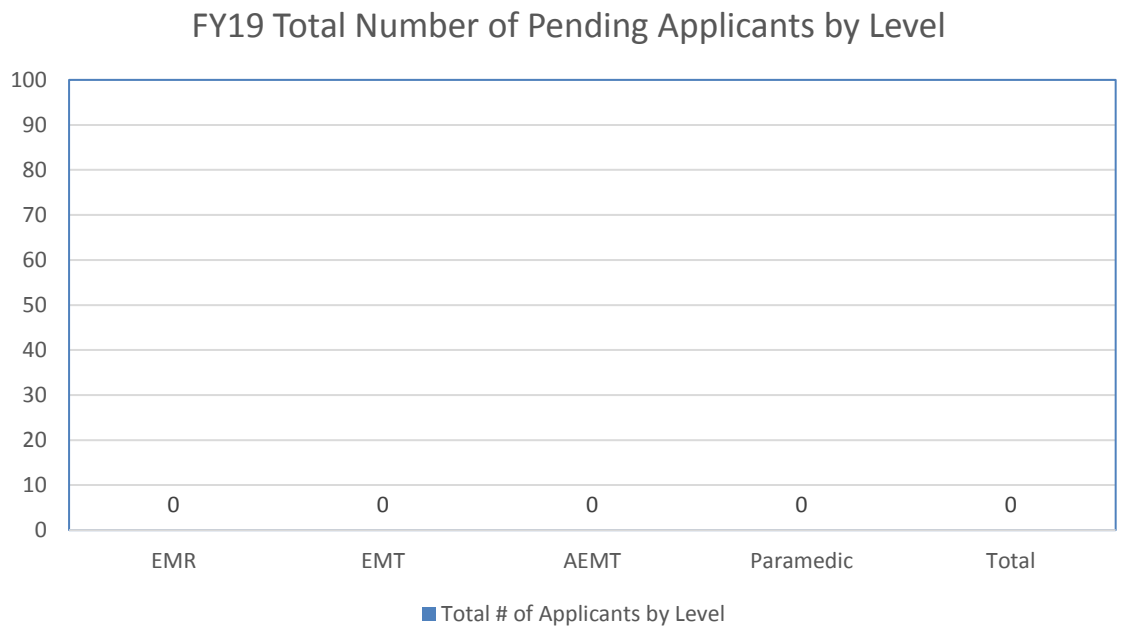


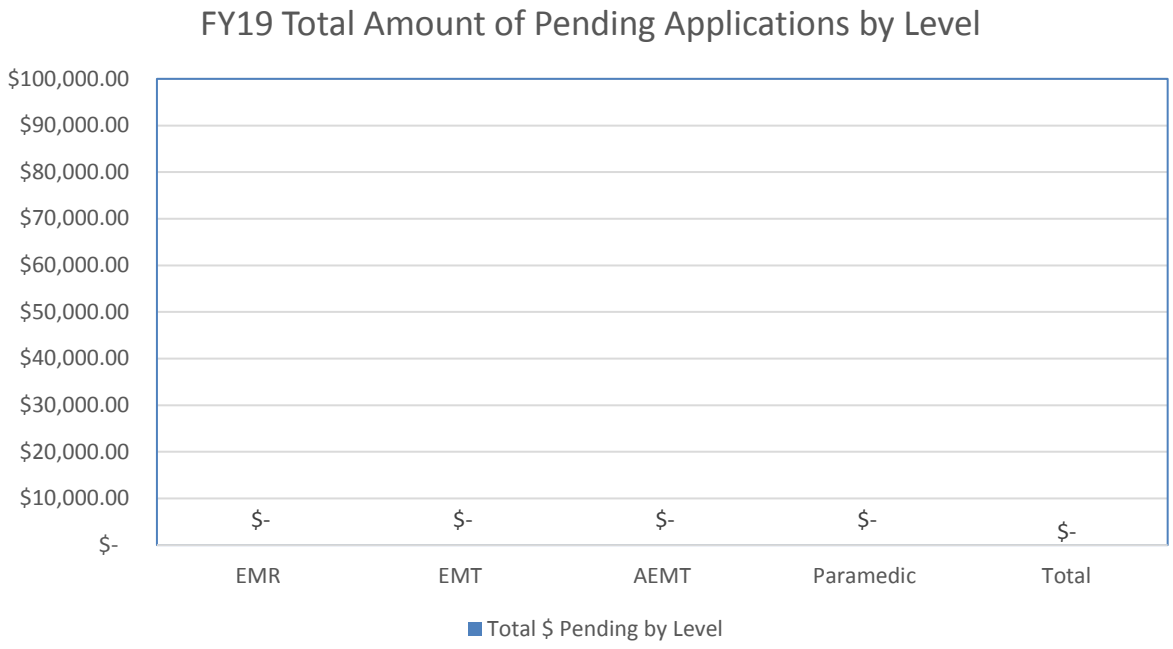
FY20 Scholarship Year

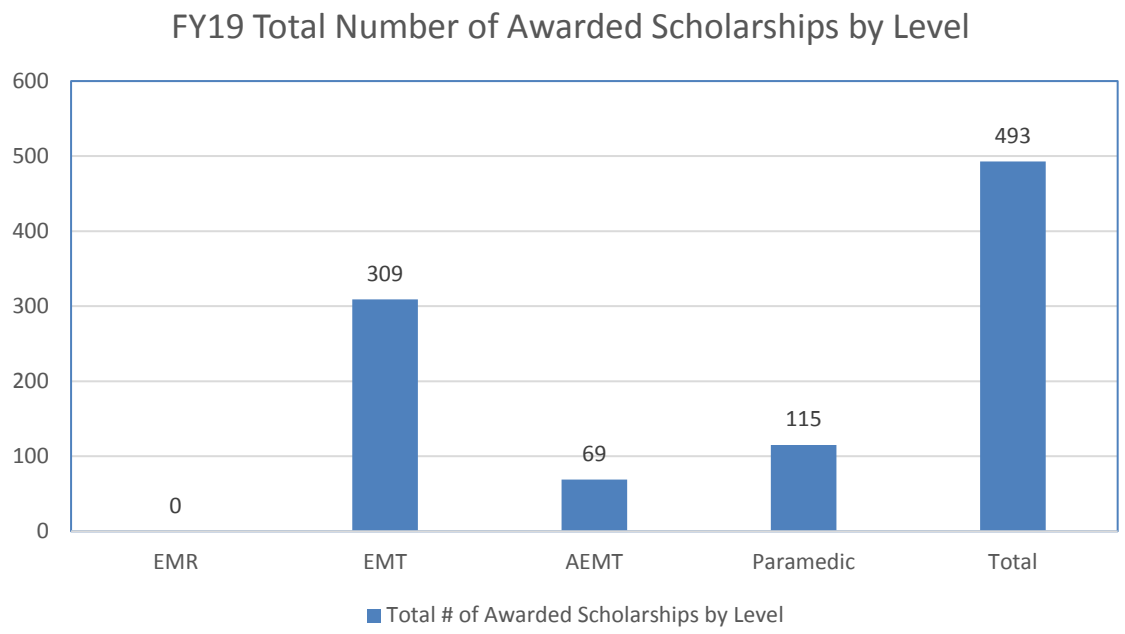
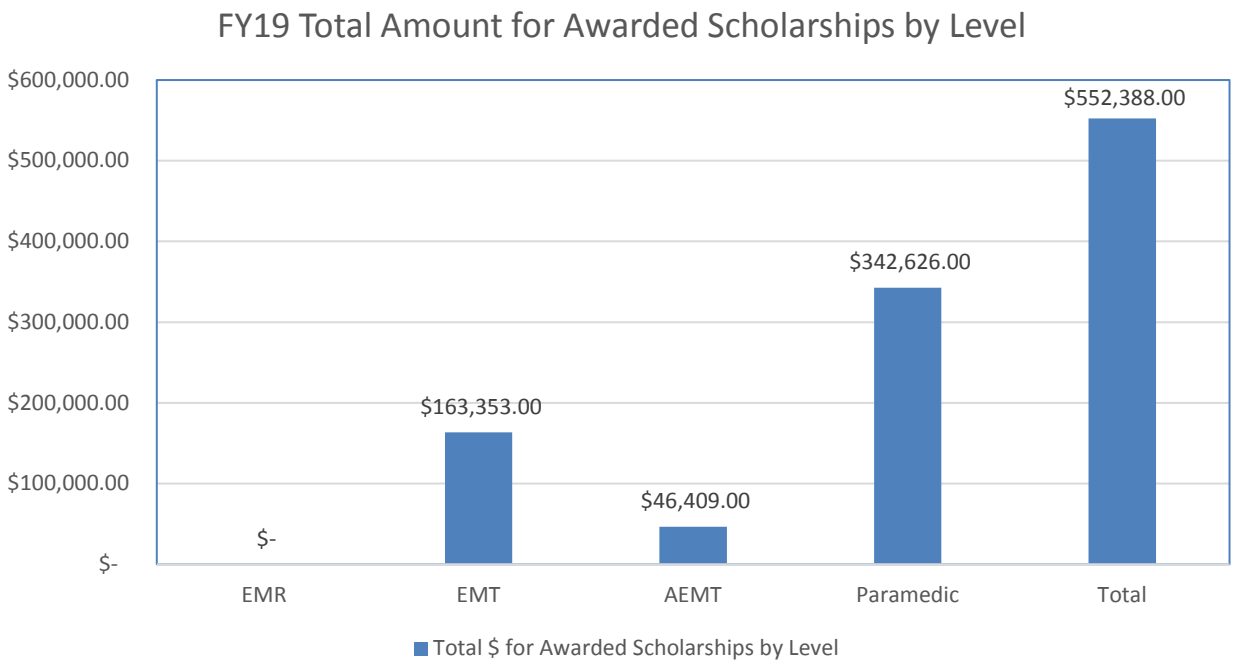
The FY19 fiscal year was closed on June 4, 2019 in compliance with timelines established by the Virginia Department of Health for the final entry of data for FY19 processing. FY20 opened on June 5, 2019 and OEMS began accepting scholarships applications under FY20 as of that date.

FY19 Breakdown of Pending Applications

The following chart show of pending scholarship applications by training level. This includes all pending applications for students enrolled in eligible initial certification courses from July 1, 2018 through June 4, 2019.





Breakdown of Awarded Scholarships

The following chart shows data for all scholarship applications which have been awarded by training level. This includes all awarded applications for students enrolled in eligible initial certification courses from July 1, 2018 through June 4, 2019.