

MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMITTEE
Office of Emergency Medical Services
Embassy Suites, 2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294
Thursday, April 7, 2022
10:30 AM

Members Present:

Allen Yee, M.D., Chair
 Stewart Martin, M.D.
 Charles Lane, M.D.
 Wendy Wilcoxson, M.D.
 John Morgan, M. D.
 Christopher Turnbull, M.D.
 George Lindbeck, M.D.
 E. Reed Smith, M.D.
 Amir Louka M.D.
 Samuel Bartle, M.D.
 Asher Brand, M.D.
 Tania White, M.D.

Members Absent:

Scott Weir, M.D. (Excused)
 Chief Eddie Ferguson
 Paul Phillips, D. O. (Excused)

Staff:

Debbie Akers
 Chad Blosser
 Tim Perkins
 Scott Winston
 Mohammed Abbamin
 Ron Passmore
 Melinda Carter
 Amanda Loreti
 Daniel Linkins
 Marybeth Mizell
 Wanda Street

Others:

Christine Laurance
 Greg Neiman
 Larry Oliver
 Donna Galganski-Pabst
 Dan Norville
 Greg Woods
 Mike Watkins
 Michael Player
 Gary Samuels
 Victoria Smith
 Wayne Perry
 Al Thompson
 Peppy Winchel
 Bill Akers
 Chris Judkins
 Damien Coy
 Cathy Cockrell
 Anthony Wilson
 Brian Lanham
 Jeffrey Bonivita
 Komal Dhiv
 Hala Ashraf
 Tiffany Almeida

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I. Welcome	Dr. Yee called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.	
II. Introductions	All attendees introduced themselves.	
III. Approval of Agenda	Approval of agenda	Approved by consensus

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IV. Approval of Minutes	Approval of January 6, 2022 minutes. The minutes were approved.	Approved by consensus
V. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) & Board of Pharmacy (BOP) Compliance Issues – Dr. Lindbeck	No update. Guidance document was sent out.	
VI. Special Reports	<p>a. Medevac Committee – Victoria Smith/Ron Passmore Mr. Passmore displayed the Chapter 31 current regulations regarding air medical. It was decided by the Medevac Committee to delete Section 4 completely under the Air Medical section of the regulations. Mr. Passmore discussed the other changes that were made.</p> <p>A motion was made by Dr. Turnbull to endorse the changes made to the air medical regulations. Dr. Lane seconded the motion. There was some discussion about the nurse education and staffing requirements. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.</p> <p>b. Training and Certification Committee – Jason Ferguson The Training and Certification Committee met on March 30 and discussed Proposed EMT Clinical/Field Requirements and also discussed EMT Student Psychomotor Competencies and 2021 NEMSES. This is being brought back before you with 10 patient contacts, with 5 live and up to 5 simulated contacts. This has been done for the past 10 years or so. This has not changed. TCC is also switching the Psychomotor workgroup to an EMT Simulation Workgroup to build a repository of scenarios and measurement and evaluation tools for educators.</p> <p>A motion was made by Dr. Stewart Martin to endorse the recommendation of 10 patient contacts. The motion was seconded. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.</p> <p>TR999 Discussion Mr. Ferguson explained the background on the EMT Psychomotor Competency Guidance Verification Document for Educators and asked for MDC’s endorsement. The committee discussed accreditation, educator engagement, and other competency issues. The workgroup mentioned above will build a repository of scenarios, measurement tools and evaluation tools to assist educators.</p> <p>A motion was made by Dr. Asher Brand to endorse the TR999 Guidance Verification Document. The motion was seconded by Dr. Martin. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.</p> <p>Dr. Yee asked a question to the educators about a student scenario and then a lengthy preceptor discussion ensued.</p>	
VII. Old Business	Dr. Yee stated that the red dots on the Scope of Practice document has been approved by the Governor’s Advisory Board and are now in effect. The committee discussed education files, specifically Target Solutions electronic education files.	

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VIII. New Business	<p>a. Chapter 32 Suggested Regulatory Changes – Dr. Asher Brand and Dr. Stewart Martin Dr. Martin stated the Tidewater area inquired about the agency material and equipment lists. The committee discussed EMT required equipment lists. Dr. Lindbeck stated that some general guidance may be needed, but not a specific equipment list. Mr. Passmore suggested to remove the parenthesis for the quantity of each item. The committee concurs. Dr. Charles Lane made a motion to reference the National recommendations from NAEMSP for the equipment lists. The motion was seconded by Dr. Martin. Most committee members were in favor of the motion except two. The motion carried.</p> <p>Dr. Asher Brand expressed his concern about some of the changes that should be made in Chapter 32. One of those changes are the words “EMS Physician” and “Operational Medical Director” and the definition of “EMS Physician”. Dr. Brand, Dr. Yee and Dr. Lindbeck discussed this. Scott pointed out that both of these words and definitions are in statutory language in the <i>Code of Virginia</i> which means the <i>Code</i> language will need to be changed as well. Dr. Yee suggested to refer this to the Legislative and Planning Committee. Dr. Brand stated that this could be outside of Chapter 32. A motion was made that the wording for “EMS Physician” should be directed to the Legislative and Planning Committee. The motion was seconded. All committee members were in favor of the motion, the motion carried.</p> <p>Another item that Dr. Brand wanted to discuss is the phrase “any violation of this Chapter constitutes a misdemeanor”. Dr. Brand asked does this have to be in here. This has to be in there because it is in <i>Code</i> per Ron Passmore.</p> <p>Dr. Brand also mentioned the Scope of Practice definition. The problem here is that earlier the EMS provider includes EMS physicians and nurses. Either we need to change the definition of what an EMS provider is or we need to change the Scope of Practice definition. Ron and Dr. Yee stated that there is no Scope of Practice for physicians. This only applies to EMS providers who are certified by the Office of EMS. A motion was made to present the Scope of Practice definition to the Rules and Regulations Committee. (This motion was never seconded.)</p> <p>It was suggested to hold a joint meeting in 31 days between the Rules and Regulations and Medical Direction Committees.</p> <p>Chad stated that the National Registry and the National EMS System has adopted the 2019 Scope of Practice, the 2021 NEMSES and National Registry is in the process now of changing all of its exams to meet the 2021 NEMSES document by next May to June. So if this document is delayed past today, we will have educators teaching to a VEMSES document from 2009 not potentially preparing students for an exam that the National Registry is going to serve beginning next May or June.</p>	

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	<p>By pushing Chapter 32 back a quarter or two, this greatly affects the training and certification of EMS providers.</p> <p>Scott stated that another option would be to create another regulatory action with the emergency regulations and only address the items that need to be changed.</p> <p>Dr. Brand stated that there is no definition of protocols or medical protocols in this document. He feels that should be added.</p> <p>Per Dr. Brand, there is also a provision whereby the Office of EMS can limit the number of agencies a medical director has to ensure quality of services. Dr. Lindbeck says there is no limit, it says that the Office can limit the number of agencies, but this has never happened.</p> <p>Audience members stated that they would prefer that Chapter 32 gets approved today and moved forward because the education part of the regulations are very important. Other parts of OEMS also need the regulations to move forward.</p> <p>Mr. Passmore displayed the legislative process flowchart and explained each of the 3 Stages of the process.</p> <p>A motion was made by Dr. Martin to proceed with Chapter 32 as presented with the changes that were discussed today and with the equipment list changes. The motion was seconded by Dr. E. Reed Smith. The majority of the committee were in favor. There were a few abstentions; however, the motion passed.</p> <p>By moving forward with Chapter 32 today, everyone will have a chance to review the document and make changes as necessary. OEMS will have another opportunity near the end of the legislative process to make minor changes. All of the committee needs to review Dr. Brand's changes which can be reviewed via email, but do not reply all.</p> <p>A combined meeting with the Rules and Regulations Committee will be scheduled.</p> <p>b. Scope of Practice Modification Request – Brandon Truman, Valley Medical Transport/Dr. Turnbull Part of this request was the CPAP and BiPap discussion that was had earlier. The other was the Medical IV pumps – there are questions whether it should be a red dot. Dr. Lindbeck recommended staying focused on high-impact, critical skills. Dr. Lindbeck will change date at the bottom of the Scope of Practice document to March 11.</p> <p>Dr. Lindbeck stated that Balloon pump is also an issue again. The committee discussed this and agreed that this will be excluded. No one was comfortable with putting a paramedic in an ambulance with a balloon pump</p>	

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	<p>patient. Another issue was the AEMT Scope of Practice issue of IM and IV Epi use for cardiac arrest scenarios. A study was sent out also.</p> <p>Dr. Louka discussed the Epi language “for allergic reaction”. Inhaled Epi was also discussed for croup.</p> <p>Dr. Louka made a motion that the words “for allergic reaction” is removed after Epinephrine. The motion was seconded by Dr. Smith. The committee members were in favor. The motion passed.</p>	
IX. Research Requests	None.	
X. State OMD Issues – Dr. George Lindbeck		
	<p>a. AEMT Scope of Practice Discussed above.</p> <p>b. Lifepack 15 AED Functions – Ron Passmore A document will be sent out on this. The Lifepack 15 AED is not for pediatric patients.</p>	
XI. Office of EMS Reports		
	<p>a. Division of Accreditation, Certification and Education</p> <p>Education Program Manager – Chad Blosser Scholarship program finished the 3rd quarter at the end of March. A record amount of funding was distributed this year, most of the funds are going to Paramedic students and the next largest amount is to EMT students. A reminder to Education Coordinators and ALS Coordinators that the expiration date is extended to June 30, 2022. Eight updates were held last fall. Several additional dates are on the calendar this year. We had an Institute in late January in Williamsburg and had 39 new educators. Currently have 767 Education Coordinators in Virginia. The Institute and the Update schedules are on OEMS website. Blackboard training was wrapped up in January. Office of EMS has contracted with Vector Solutions to offer free continuing education to providers.</p> <p>Division Manager – Debbie Akers The Accreditation report was distributed. Germanna Community College and City of Virginia Beach are in Letter of Review of the Advanced EMT level. Final selections are being made for symposium classes. More information is forthcoming.</p> <p>b. Director/Asst. Director – Gary Brown No update.</p> <p>c. Asst. Director – Scott Winston FYI - Scott reported to the Rules and Regulations Committee yesterday that the Legislative & Planning Committee is looking at drafting statutory language to recognize EMS as an “essential” service. There are only a hand full of states that deem EMS as an essential service in their statutes. The legislation will be introduced at the 2023 General Assembly session.</p>	

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	<p>d. Associate Director – Adam Harrell No update.</p> <p>e. Emergency Operations – Karen Owens</p> <p>f. CHaTR – Tim Perkins HandTevy Update – Tim reported that the number of EMS agencies using HandTevy has doubled since we made the announcement in January. We have distributed a little under 800 HandTevy tapes since then as well. Dr. HandTevy and staff conducted webinars in February, March and April. Dr. HandTevy will be at the Tidewater Expo in May and will be at symposium in November and every symposium thereafter.</p> <p>Marcus Alert – The General Assembly decided to allow localities to have the option of whether or not they want to participate in the Marcus Alert based on their resource capabilities. The last two meetings were canceled.</p> <p>g. Trauma Services – Mindy Carter Nothing to report.</p>	
XII. PUBLIC COMMENT	None.	
XIII. Quarterly Meeting Dates for 2022	July 7, 2022 October 6, 2022	
XIV. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.	

Respectfully submitted by:
Wanda L. Street
Executive Secretary, Sr.

Attachment A

Accreditation Report

Accredited Training Site Directory

As of March 29, 2022



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Accredited Paramedic Training Programs in the Commonwealth

Site Name	Site Number	BLS Accredited	# of Alternate Sites	Accreditation Status	Expiration Date
<i>Blue Ridge Community College</i>	79005	Yes	--	CoAEMSP - LOR	
<i>Central Virginia Community College</i>	68006	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Chesterfield Fire and EMS</i>	04103	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – LOR	
<i>ECPI University</i>	70017	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Initial	CoAEMSP
<i>Hanover Fire EMS Training</i>	08533	Yes	--	CoAEMSP - LOR	
<i>Henrico County Division of Fire</i>	08718	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – LOR	
<i>J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College</i>	08709	No	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>John Tyler Community College</i>	04115	Yes	--	CoAEMSP - Initial	CoAEMSP
<i>Lord Fairfax Community College</i>	06903	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Loudoun County Fire & Rescue</i>	10704	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Northern Virginia Community College</i>	05906	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Patrick Henry Community College</i>	08908	No	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Piedmont Virginia Community College</i>	54006	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Prince William County Dept. of Fire and Rescue</i>	15312	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Radford University Carilion</i>	77007	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Rappahannock Community College</i>	11903	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Southside Virginia Community College</i>	18507	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Southwest Virginia Community College</i>	11709	Yes	1	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Stafford County & Associates in Emergency Care</i>	15319	Yes	7	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Thomas Nelson Community College</i>	83012	Yes	2	CoAEMSP – LOR	
<i>Tidewater Community College</i>	81016	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>VCU School of Medicine Paramedic Program</i>	76011	Yes	5	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP

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

Accredited AEMT Training Programs in the Commonwealth

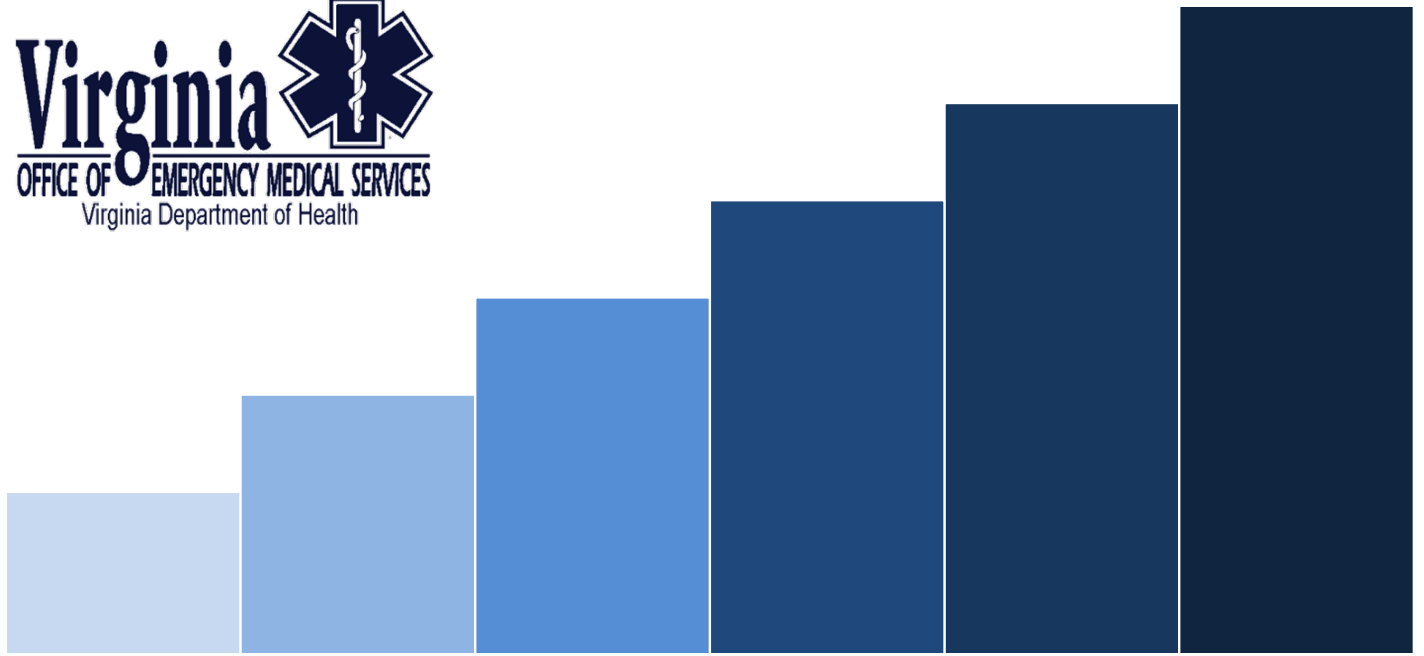
Site Name	Site Number	BLS Accredited	# of Alternate Sites	Accreditation Status	Expiration Date
Accomack County Dept. of Public Safety	00121	No	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2022
Augusta County Fire and Rescue	01521	Yes	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2022
City of Virginia Beach Department of EMS	81004	Yes	--	State – LOR	March 31, 2023
Danville Training Center	69009	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2022
Fauquier County Fire & Rescue – Warrenton	06125	Yes	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2022
Frederick County Fire & Rescue	06906	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2022
Germanna Community College	13720	Yes	--	State – LOR	March 31, 2023
Hampton Fire & EMS	83002	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2022
Hampton Roads Regional EMS Academy (HRREMSA)	74039	Yes	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2012
James City County Fire Rescue	83002	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2022
King George Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services	09910	No	--	State – LOR	August 31, 2023
Newport News Fire Training	70007	Yes	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2022
Norfolk Fire and Rescue	71008	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2022
Paul D. Camp Community College	62003	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2022
Rockingham County Fire and Rescue	16536	Yes	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2022
Southwest Virginia EMS Council	52003	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2022
UVA Prehospital Program	54008	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2022
WVEMS – New River Valley Training Center	75004	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2022

Accredited EMT Training Programs in the Commonwealth

Site Name	Site Number	# of Alternate Sites	Accreditation Status	Expiration Date
Albemarle Co Dept of Fire	54013	--	State – Letter of Review	December 31, 2022
Arlington County Fire Training	01305	--	State – Letter of Review	December 31, 2022
City of Virginia Beach Fire and EMS	81004	--	State – Full	December 31, 2022
Chesterfield Fire & EMS	04103	--	State – Full	December 31, 2022
Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Dept.	05918	--	State – Letter of Review	December 31, 2022
Gloucester Volunteer Fire & Rescue	07302	--	State – Letter of Review	December 31, 2022
Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire EMS	71006	--	State – Full	December 31, 2022
Roanoke Valley Regional Fire/EMS Training	77505	--	State – Letter of Review	December 31, 2022

Attachment B

EMSSP Report



Quarterly Report

Virginia EMS Scholarship Program

Third Quarter – FY22

Accreditation, Certification & Education

Background

The Virginia EMS Scholarship Program is managed by the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services providing scholarship awards to current Virginia EMS Providers and those seeking to become EMS providers in the Commonwealth.

The scholarship program supports students who are accepted into an eligible Virginia approved initial certification program—EMR, EMT, Advanced EMT and Paramedic.

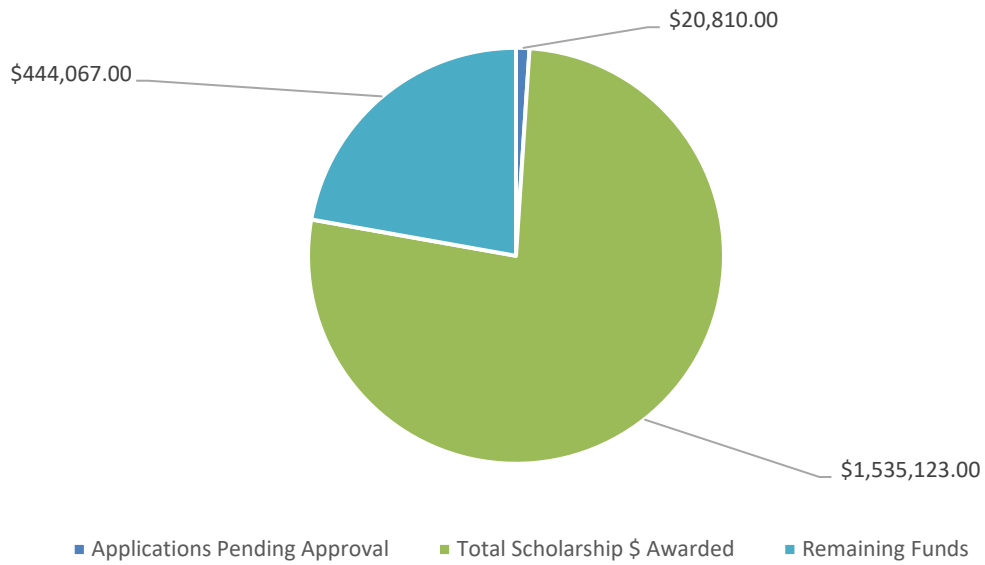
The scholarship program is not designed to provide 100% funding for a training program.

FY22 Scholarship Budget

The FY22 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 June 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- **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. Since the Virginia EMS Scholarship module is new, OEMS staff have only approved a small group of test applications as we work through the payment processes with the VDH Office of Financial Management.
- **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.

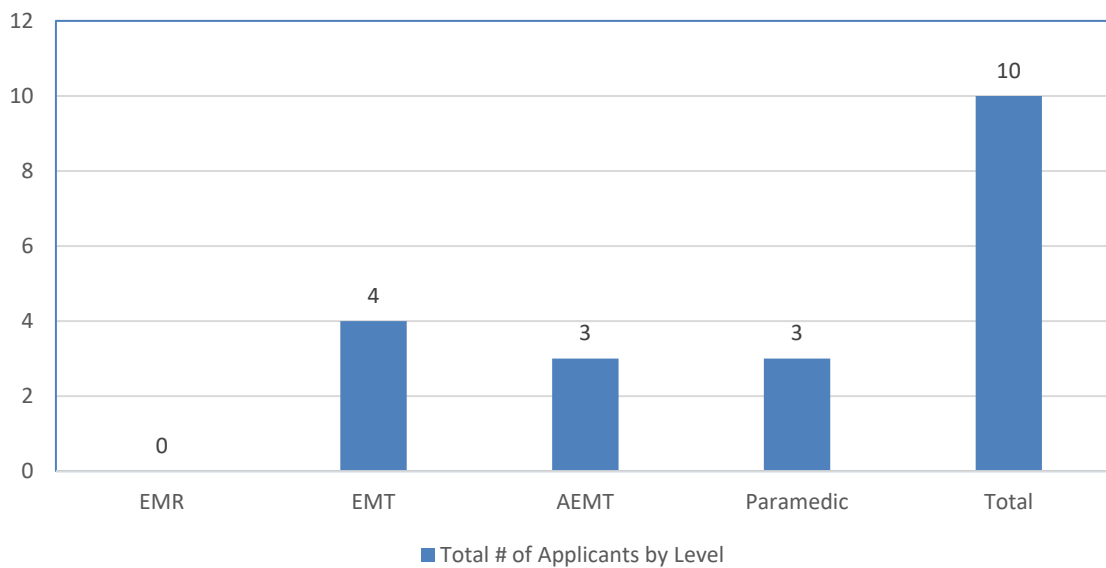
Scholarship Funding Overview



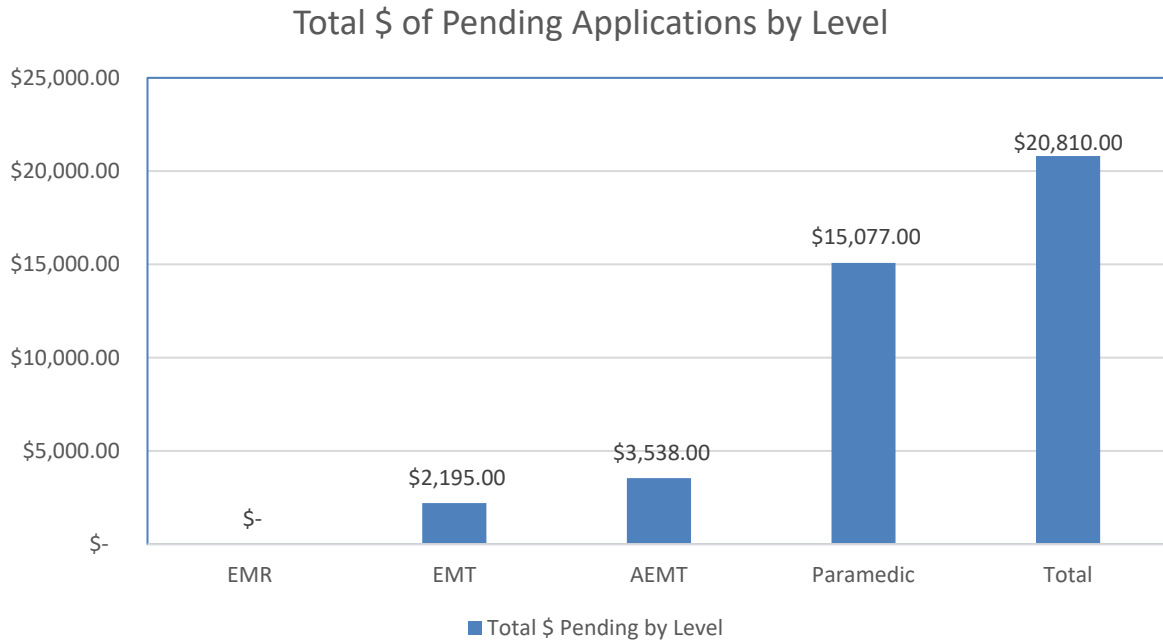
Breakdown of Pending Applications

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 June 1, 2021 through March 30, 2022.

Total # of Pending Applicants by Level

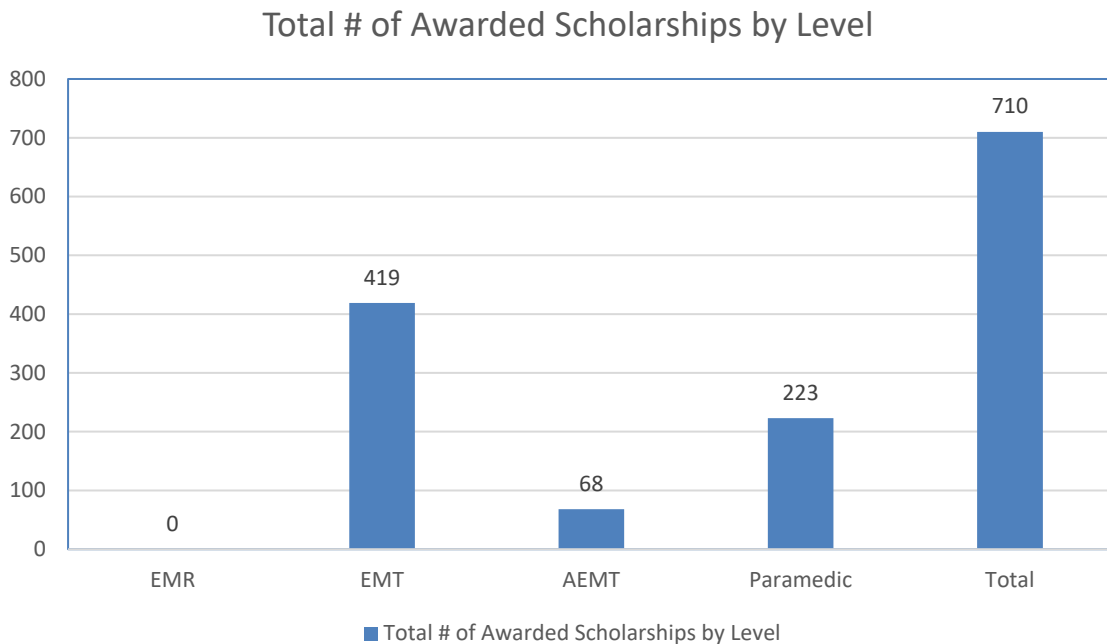


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Breakdown of Awarded Scholarships

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 June 1, 2021 through March 30, 2022.



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Total \$ for Awarded Scholarships by Level

