

Training and Certification Committee Minutes
2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294
Wednesday, January 4, 2023 – 10:30 am

Members Present

William Akers
 Christopher Kroboth
 Larry Oliver
 Bobby Lester
 Matthew Lawler
 Brian McIntosh
 Mike Watkins
 Steven Moring
 Peppy Winchel
 Charles Lane
 Marlon Rickman

Members Absent

R. Jason Ferguson, Chair

Staff

Chad Blosser
 Debbie Akers
 Dr. George Lindbeck
 David Edwards
 Jasper Williams
 Wanda Street
 Daniel Linkins
 Wayne Perry
 Kelsey Rideout
 Kari Magner
 Karen Owens
 Gary Brown

Guests

Donna Galganski-Pabst
 Damien Coy
 Michael McDonald
 Al Thompson
 Adam Warwick
 Michelle Ludeman

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
I. Welcome	William Akers, who sat in for Jason Ferguson, called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.	
II. Introductions	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
III. Approval of Agenda	The Committee reviewed the agenda for today's meeting. (Attached)	Approved by consensus
IV. Approval of the October 5, 2022 minutes:	The committee approved the minutes as submitted with one change. Per Chris Kroboth, the 2023 meeting dates were off by a day. Chad will make those changes. (Attached)	Approved by consensus with noted changes.
V. Reports of Committee Members	<p>A. Reports of Committee Members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chairman Report – R. Jason Ferguson – Absent. 2. Medical Direction Committee – Dr. Charles Lane – Nothing to report. 3. Committee Members: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Non-VCCS EMS Program – Steven Moring – No report. b. VCCS – Bill Akers – VCCS is in the middle of doing a curriculum review. Meetings are being held to get courses changed in the master course file. This is a long process, but we are adhering to the new NEMSES guidelines currently effective. c. VAVRS – Bobby Lester – No report. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Peppy Winchel – CTS is behind us. The Councils are working to standardize the EMS reentry program. We will get a consensus and provide an update. e. EMSC – Mike Watkins – Mike reported on the safe transport of children in ambulances. This needs to be reemphasized. Restraining devices are available through the Office of EMS. Perhaps a basic training needs to be held. Changes were made concerning safe child transports in the revised EMS Regulations. f. VAGEMSA – Larry Oliver – No report. g. Fire Based Organization – Christopher Kroboth – No report. h. Educators – Brian McIntosh – No report. i. EMS Advisory Board – Matt Lawler – No report. <p>B. Office of EMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Division of Accreditation, Certification & Education (ACE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Education Program Manager – Chad Blosser, OEMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 2021 NEMSES Rollouts – Completed mid-December. The last one was held in Lynchburg. We are preparing for the launch program. A scenario toolkit was created but was printed incorrectly. We are in the process of getting them reprinted. We will get them out when printed. A guide was created to assist with continuing education on the new standards. ii. Transitioning BLS Providers to the 2021 NEMSES Through Continuing Education - With the release of the 2021 National EMS Education Standards, there are a noteworthy number of changes and new content items which have been added to initial BLS training programs—especially EMT programs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. In Virginia, as with the rest of the nation, any EMR or EMT trained from 1994 through 2022 will not have been exposed to these topics formally in the classroom. Instead of requiring a mandatory transition program for BLS providers, the Virginia Office of EMS has opted to permit these providers—some 25,000 EMT’s alone—to be transitioned to this new content and concepts through regular continuing education programs. b. This document has been created to assist Education Coordinators in determining topics to be taught to BLS providers through their normal required continuing education. – Appendix A iii. Virginia EMS Scholarship Program – This document is located on the OEMS website. Chad had nothing to add to it. Appendix D. iv. Education Coordinator Candidate Program – Getting two to three applicants a day for the program. Full Institute will be held in Abingdon in two weeks with 30 participants. b. ACE Division Director – Debbie Akers, OEMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Accreditation – Newport News had their preliminary virtual site visit for their letter of review. Richmond Ambulance Authority has been placed under letter of review. 	

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	<p>Rockbridge County is also interested. Virginia Peninsula Community College had their accreditation visit and it went beautifully, but they will stay under letter of review until August 2023. This is the longest program under letter of review (nearing 8 years). Henrico County's in-person site visit is upcoming, and CVCC's virtual site visit is also upcoming. Appendix C.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Debbie has been communicating with Georgia, Texas and Michigan who have been all on our website. They are impressed by what Virginia is doing and has asked us to share documentation and processes as much as possible. iii. Debbie spent three days in Texas in December for National Registry for Item Analysis. Each item has up to 17 questions tied to it. Please let Debbie know if you are interested in more information on this. iv. OEMS will be hiring for QA/QI Program Evaluators. Debbie will be reaching out to committee members for assistance with accreditation site reviews. Thirty-one programs will need to be visited in 2023. Debbie updated the committee on auxiliary courses. Debbie also shared that the 2023 Symposium Call for Presentations opens on January 6, 2023. Surveys for the 2022 symposium were great. We continue to set the bar. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. State Medical Director – Dr. George Lindbeck – There has been controversy over the years about EMS providers functioning as hospital employees. A bill was filed a couple weeks ago by Del. Robert Orrock. HB 1447 which amends the Virginia Drug Control Act, to specifically acknowledge paramedics to function in the Emergency Department. Another topic of discussion is patient possessed medications. The question has been asked, can EMS providers be allowed to administer these medications? Nationally, the advocacy group would like to have hydrocortisone in every drug box. 3. EMS for Children – David Edwards – There is a nationwide, annual EMSC survey for EMS agencies. We would like a higher percentage than last year. It is a short survey which opens today through March 31. Go to https://EMSCsurveys.org. We are using carry-over grant funding to purchase pediatric simulation equipment for Bob Page to use as he teaches across Virginia. 4. Regulation & Compliance – Ron Passmore - Not present. 5. Director/Asst. Director – Gary Brown/Scott Winston – There are a lot of bills related to EMS. Gary is also following the budget bill closely. The EMS budget is pretty much in line with the previous couple of years. Gary gave a brief update on a few budget items and House Bills. 6. Other Office Division Directors – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Operations - Karen Owens & Kari Magner – Karen is representing the Emergency Management Committee. Last year we were asked to review the state of triage in Virginia, to look at triage tags and to discuss START vs. SALT as it relates to Mass Casualties. We come to this committee for recommendations and feedback. Some committee members support SALT. In the field, triage is not being done the way it should be per committee members. However, for uniformity, SALT should be used. Chris Kroboth stated that the tag may be overwhelming to a new provider. Northern Virginia opposes SALT. START has been taught for 20 plus years per Karen. SALT came on the scene 5 years ago or so. Both have been taught and it is the decision of the 	

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	<p>agencies/regions to decide what to use. Karen and Kari will take the committee's feedback to the Emergency Management Committee.</p> <p>A motion was made by Steve Moring that TCC not make a recommendation on the primary triage method at being taught across the State at this time. The motion was seconded by Chris Kroboth. All committee members were in favor of the motion. None opposed.</p> <p>Committee members discussed the triage tag and feels that they are a waste of money.</p>	
VI. Committee Discussion Items		
VII. Previous Business	None.	
VIII. New Business	None.	
XI. Public Comment	None.	
X. Dates for 2021 Meetings	<p>A. Scheduled dates: January 4, 2023 April 5, 2023 July 5, 2023 October 4, 2023</p>	
	B.	
XI. Adjourn	1. Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:14 p.m.	Motion by Brian McIntosh, seconded by Matt Lawler.

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



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Training & Certification Committee

Wednesday, January 4, 2023 – 10:30 AM

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Meeting Agenda

- I. **Welcome**
- II. **Introductions**
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
- IV. **Approval of Minutes from October 5, 2022**
- 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. 2021 NEMSES Rollouts
 - b. Virginia EMS Scholarship Program Update
 - c. Education Coordinator Candidate Program
 - b. ACE Division Director – Debbie Akers, OEMS
 - a. Accreditation
 - b. EMS Student Eligibility For Clinical Rotations
 2. State Medical Director – Dr. George Lindbeck
 3. EMS for Children – Dave Edwards, OEMS
 4. Regulation & Compliance – Ron Passmore, OEMS
 5. Director/Asst. Director – Gary Brown/Scott Winston, OEMS

6. Other Office Division Directors

VI. **Committee Discussion Items**

VII. **Previous Business**

VIII. **New Business**

IX. **Public Comment**

X. **Quarterly Meetings**

A. **2023 Quarterly Meetings**

1. ~~January 4, 2023~~

2. April 5, 2023

3. July 5, 2023

4. October 4, 2023

XI. **Adjourn**

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Attachment A

Transitioning BLS Providers to the 2021 NEMSES Through Continuing Education

Attachment B

Administration of Patient Supplied Medications

Administration of Patient Supplied Medications

Prehospital clinicians may be requested to administer medications that the patient has been prescribed and keeps at home to allow urgent treatment of unusual conditions that require medications that would not usually be carried in typical EMS drug kits.

Examples include:

hydrocortisone (Solu Cortef) for the management of adrenal insufficiency, which may occur in condition such as Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH)

complement (C1) esterase inhibitors (Haegarda, Cinryze) for the management of hereditary angioedema

coagulation factor concentrates (Factor VIII or Factor IX) for the management of hemophilia

For patients and their care-givers:

Patients who might require the administration of home medications are encouraged to contact the EMS agency that will respond when they call 911 and develop a “pre-plan” for administration of medications that they keep at home.

This plan should include detailed instruction on the reconstitution and administration of the medication and a note from the prescribing physician that will be available to the EMS clinicians responding.

For EMS clinicians and Medical Directors:

Any medications to be administered should have detailed directions available to emergency responders for reconstitution and administration. A note from the prescribing physician would be preferred as well.

The medication and route of administration must be within the Scope of Practice of the administering EMS clinician.

EMS clinicians should make early use of on-line medical command for assistance, if required, in these situations. The agency medical director may be of most assistance as they are most likely to be familiar with the EMS clinicians, their scope of practice, and any “pre-plan” developed with the EMS agency.

Attachment B

Accreditation Report

Accredited Training Site Directory

As of January 2, 2023



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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>Brightpoint Community College</i>	04115	Yes	--	CoAEMSP - Initial	CoAEMSP
<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>Germanna Community College</i>	13720	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – LORO	
<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>Laurel Ridge Community College</i>	06903	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Loudoun County Fire & Rescue</i>	10704	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Newport News Fire Department</i>	600975	Yes	--	CoAEMP – LOR	
<i>Northern Virginia Community College</i>	05906	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Patrick and 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	2	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Stafford County & Associates in Emergency Care</i>	15319	Yes	10	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Tidewater Community College</i>	81016	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>VCU Health System Authority</i>	76011	Yes	5	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Virginia Peninsula Community College</i>	83012	Yes	2	CoAEMSP – LOR	

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

CoAEMSP In-person Site Visit was conducted at Virginia Peninsula Community College on December 5th and 6th. Anticipate program to be moved to CAAHEP in August, 2023.

CoAEMSP In-person Site Visit is scheduled for Henrico County Division of Fire on February 16th and 17th.

CoAEMSP virtual Site Visit is scheduled for Central Virginia Community College on March 20th and 21st.

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, 2023
Augusta County Fire and Rescue	01521	Yes	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2023
City of Virginia Beach Department of EMS	81004	Yes	--	State – LOR	March 31, 2023
Danville Training Center	69009	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2023
Fauquier County Fire & Rescue – Warrenton	06125	Yes	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2023
Frederick County Fire & Rescue	06906	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2023
Hampton Fire & EMS	83002	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2023
Hampton Roads Regional EMS Academy (HRREMSA)	74039	Yes	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2023
James City County Fire Rescue	83002	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2023
King George Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services	09910	No	--	State – LOR	August 31, 2023
Newport News Fire Training	70007	Yes	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2023
Norfolk Fire and Rescue	71008	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2023
Northern Neck Advanced EMS Education Alliance	19318	No	--	State – LOR	August 31, 2023
Paul D. Camp Community College	62003	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2023
Richmond Ambulance Authority	76031	No	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2023
Rockingham County Fire and Rescue	16536	Yes	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2023
Southwest Virginia EMS Council	52003	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2023
UVA Prehospital Program	54008	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2023
WVEMS – New River Valley Training Center	75004	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2023

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, 2023
Arlington County Fire Training	01305	--	State – Letter of Review	December 31, 2023
City of Virginia Beach Fire and EMS	81004	--	State – Full	December 31, 2023
Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Dept.	05918	--	State – Letter of Review	December 31, 2023
Gloucester Volunteer Fire & Rescue	07302	--	State – Letter of Review	December 31, 2023
Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire EMS	71006	--	State – Full	December 31, 2023
Roanoke Valley Regional Fire/EMS Training	77505	--	State – Letter of Review	December 31, 2023

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Attachment C

**Virginia EMS
Scholarship Report**

Quarterly Report

Virginia EMS Scholarship Program

Second Quarter – FY23

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.

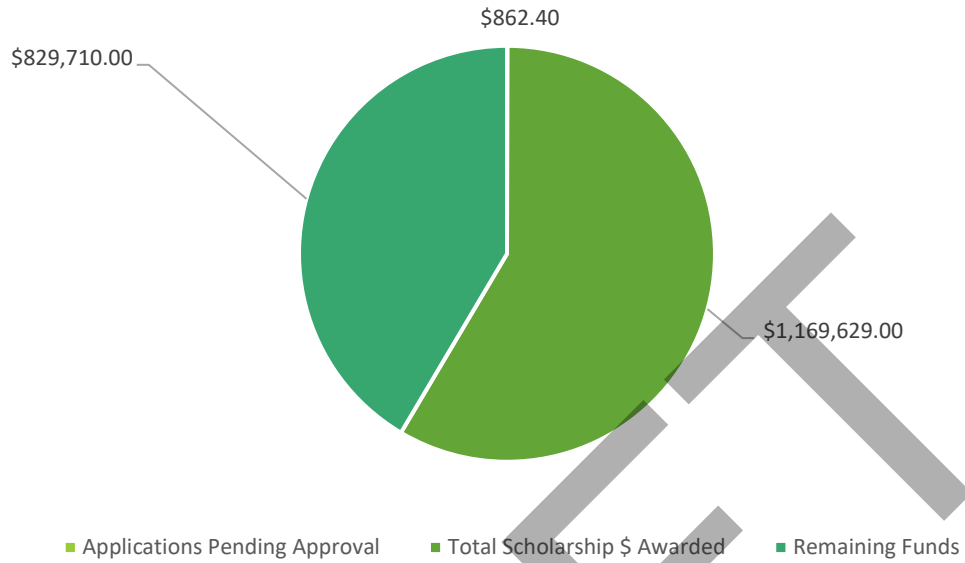
The scholarship program is not designed to provide 100% funding for a training program.

FY23 Scholarship Budget

The FY23 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.

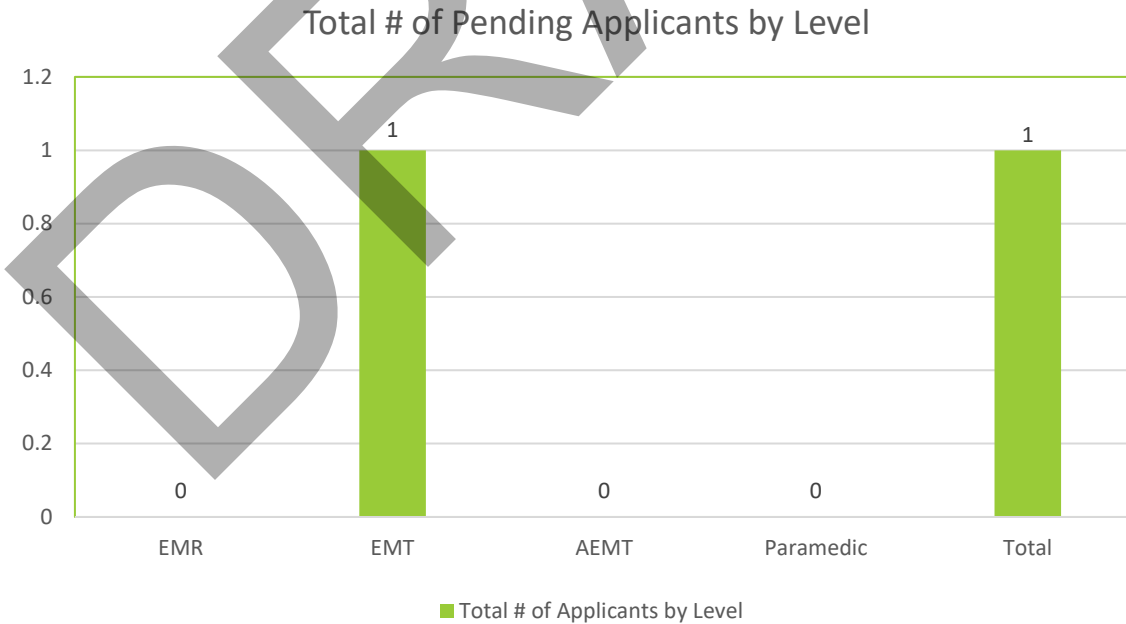
- **Application Pending Approval** – this category includes the total dollar value for all applications received through December 31, 2022. This covers Q1 & 2.
- **Total Scholarship \$ Awarded** – this category is the total dollar value for all scholarship applications which have been approved and are 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 shows pending scholarship applications by training level. This includes all pending applications for students enrolled in eligible initial certification courses from June 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.



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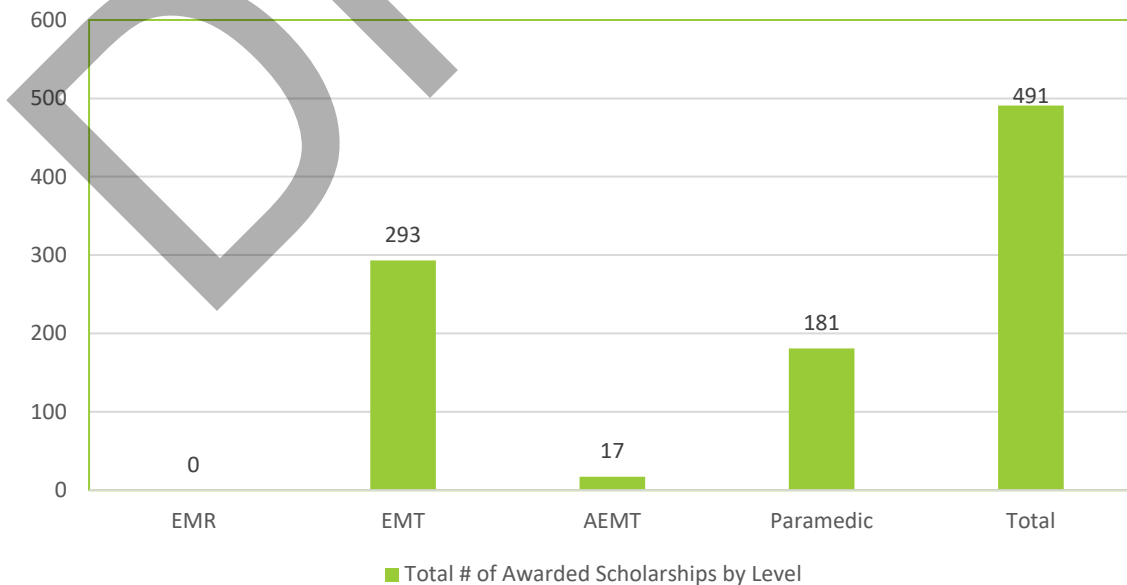
Total \$ of Pending Applications by Level



Breakdown of Awarded Scholarships

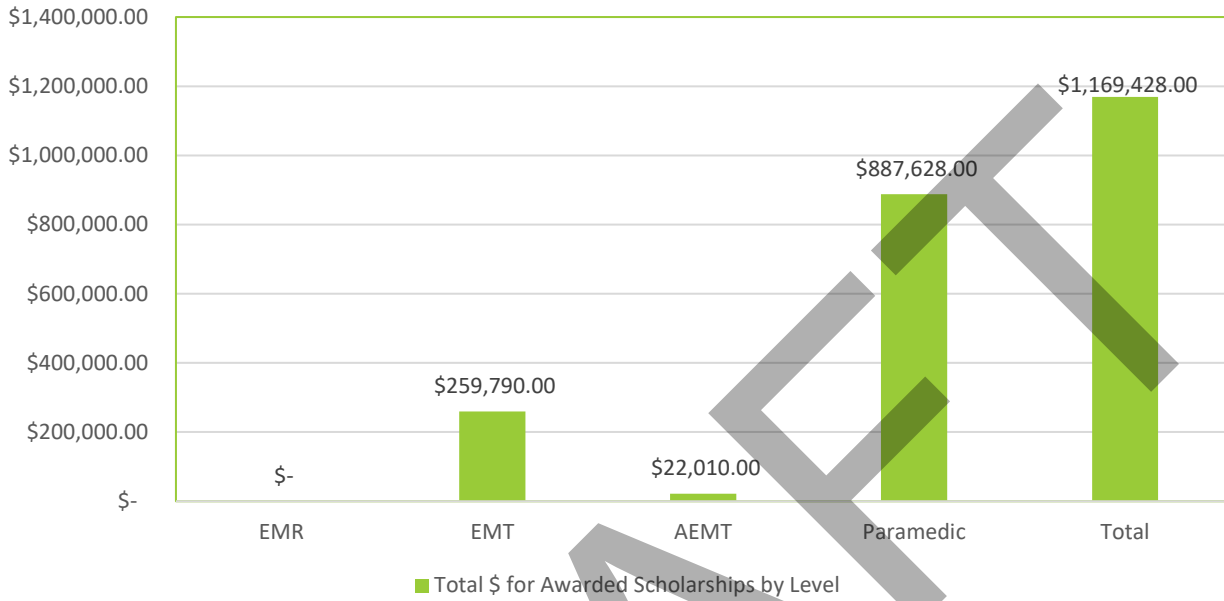
The following chart shows data for all scholarship applications which have been awarded by training level. This includes all awarded applications for students enrolled in eligible initial certification courses from June 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Total # of Awarded Scholarships by Level



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Total \$ for Awarded Scholarships by Level



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