

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

Members Present

R. Jason Ferguson, Chair
 William Akers
 Larry Oliver
 Bobby Lester
 Matthew Lawler
 Brian McIntosh
 Mike Watkins
 Steven Moring
 Peppy Winchel
 Christopher Kroboth
 Charles Lane

Members Absent

Marlon Rickman

Staff

Chad Blosser
 Debbie Akers
 Dr. George Lindbeck
 Scott Winston
 Wanda Street
 Daniel Linkins
 Kelsey Rideout
 Jasper Williams
 Wayne Perry

Guests

Donna Galganski-Pabst
 Joann King
 Tom Olander
 Gregory S. Neiman
 Amy Ashe
 John Bianco
 Jeffrey Reynolds
 Matthew Owens
 David Keeler
 Michelle Ludeman

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
I. Welcome	Jason Ferguson called the meeting to order at 10:35 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 July 12, 2023 minutes:	The committee approved the minutes as submitted. (Attached)	Approved by consensus
V. Reports of Committee Members	<p>A. Reports of Committee Members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chairman Report – R. Jason Ferguson – No report at this time. 2. Medical Direction Committee – Dr. George Lindbeck – Nothing to report. 3. Committee Members: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Non-VCCS EMS Program – Steven Moring – Looking to offer CE hours in Newport News/VA Beach campus for EMS providers. Will put out information soon. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. VCCS – Bill Akers – VCCS program directors met in Richmond the last two days. They worked on the curriculum to bring it up to date and synchronize with the 2021 NEMSES. They have a good work product to send up the chain through VCCS to have available for implementation fall of 2024. c. VAVRS – Bobby Lester – No report. d. Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Peppy Winchel – The regional councils are working on identifying additional CEs for providers for the next calendar year. He gave dates and locations of Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 Expos at the regional level. e. EMSC – Mike Watkins – EMSC met in August and discussed Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators in both the ER and the EMS agency level. There was a live demonstration of two ambulatory pediatric transport devices. Two stretchers were brought in and two children were there for the demonstration. The device provided by OEMS was deemed difficult to use and not appropriate as it did not accurately secure the children. Looking at other options. 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. Virginia EMS Scholarship Program Update – Approved and in the process of paying \$599,00 of scholarship applications. We have \$164,000 in payments that are waiting for approval by the Office and an additional \$737,000 available for the remainder of the fiscal year. Payments are currently delayed. ii. Education Coordinator Candidate Program – An Institute was held in Virginia Beach last week. We have 30 new educators, and we continue to receive excellent candidates via the mentorship program. The Education Coordinator Institutes and Updates are published on the OEMS website. iii. Other – Committee position vacancies will be coming up soon: VAVRS, Regional Council, Non-VCCS Accredited Programs, and VCCS Accredited Programs, and Education Coordinator. Surveys will be sent out for nominations. b. ACE Division Director – Debbie Akers, OEMS – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Accreditation – The Psychomotor Exam will be retired earlier than what was previously announced by the National Registry. Debbie is waiting on official letter. ii. National Registry Updates – QA/QI visits continue to take place. Detailed information will be available at the January meeting of the statistics. Course approvals will be done by Debbie since Tracie Jones’ retirement, and she needs more notice. Training Opportunities – Everyone is aware that symposium was canceled. Please send Debbie all training courses to be listed on 	

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	<p>our webpage with contact information, registration, etc. This is not the end of symposium. We are at the end of the contract in Norfolk so we will have to go back out for bid for the next symposium. Virginia Fire Chief's Conference is February 19-24, 2024 in Virginia Beach and there will be an EMS Track there. Debbie is working with them on this. The committee discussed testing issues and concerns.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. State Medical Director – Dr. George Lindbeck – An OMD Workshop will be held at the Office of EMS on Thursday, November 9. 3. EMS for Children – David Edwards – Not present. 4. Regulation & Compliance – Ron Passmore – Not present. 5. Director/Asst. Director – Scott Winston – Not present. 6. Other Office Division Directors – No other Division Directors were present. 	
VI. Committee Discussion Items		
VII. Previous Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. EMT Programs in the High Schools Workgroup – Delayed due to a lack of participation on the part of the Department of Education. Jeff Reynolds got another job at BREMS. The committee discussed whether or not DOE should be involved, and they agreed that they should. There was discussion about continuing to develop best practices and to standardize the program. OEMS has a proposal that was presented to DOE previously. 	
VIII. New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Apprenticeship Workgroup Update There was no update on the structure or existing apprenticeship program. There is also a shadow program being used by Richmond Ambulance Authority. More information at the next meeting. B. OEMS Funding for Scholarship and Training Everything is the same as the email that was submitted except the scholarship went from \$2 million per year to \$1.5 million due to the OEMS budget deficit. Funds will be shifted to pay for the National Registry testing attempts. We will continue to monitor this during the ongoing audit. 	
XI. Public Comment	None.	
X. Dates for 2024 Meetings	<p>Scheduled dates: January 3, 2024 – Perimeter Center, Board Room 1 April 3, 2024 – TBD July 10, 2024 – Perimeter Center, Board Room 2</p>	

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	October 2, 2024 – Perimeter Center, Board Room 1 Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233	
XI. Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:23 p.m.	

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

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Training & Certification Committee

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Meeting Agenda

- I. **Welcome**
- II. **Introductions**
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
- IV. **Approval of Minutes from July 2023 meeting.**
- 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. Virginia EMS Scholarship Program Update
 - b. Education Coordinator Candidate Program
 - b. ACE Division Director – Debbie Akers, OEMS
 - a. Accreditation
 - b. National Registry Updates
 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**

- A. **Previous Business**
 - 1. EMT Programs in the High Schools Workgroup – Delayed due to lack of participation on the part of the Department of Education.
- B. **New Business**
 - 1. Apprenticeship workgroup update.
 - 2. OEMS Funding for scholarships and training.
- VII. **Public Comment**
- VIII. **Quarterly Meetings**
 - A. **2023 Quarterly Meetings**
 - 1. ~~January 4, 2023~~
 - 2. ~~April 5, 2023~~
 - 3. ~~July 12, 2023~~
 - 4. ~~October 4, 2023~~
 - B. **2024 Quarterly Meetings**
 - 1. January 3, 2024
 - 2. April 3, 2024
 - 3. July 10, 2024
 - 4. October 2, 2024
- IX. **Adjourn**

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Attachment A

Accredited Sites Report

Accredited Training Site Directory

As of October 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 – LOR	
<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 – Initial	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	6	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Virginia Peninsula Community College</i>	83012	Yes	2	CoAEMSP – Initial	

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

Hanover Fire EMS Training has named Michael Biamonte as their new Program Director.

Tidewater Community College has named Kristina Long as their new Program Director.

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	December 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	December 31, 2023
Norfolk Fire and Rescue	71008	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2023
Northern Neck Advanced EMS Education Alliance	19318	No	--	State – LOR	December 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

Rockbridge County VRS has submitted a self-study for consideration of issuance of a Letter of Review.
 Prince Edward VRS has submitted a self-study for consideration of issuance of a Letter of Review.

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
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

Attachment B

EMS Scholarship Program

Virginia EMS Scholarship Program

First Quarter Report

Virginia Department of Health

Office of Emergency Medical Services | October 2023

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.

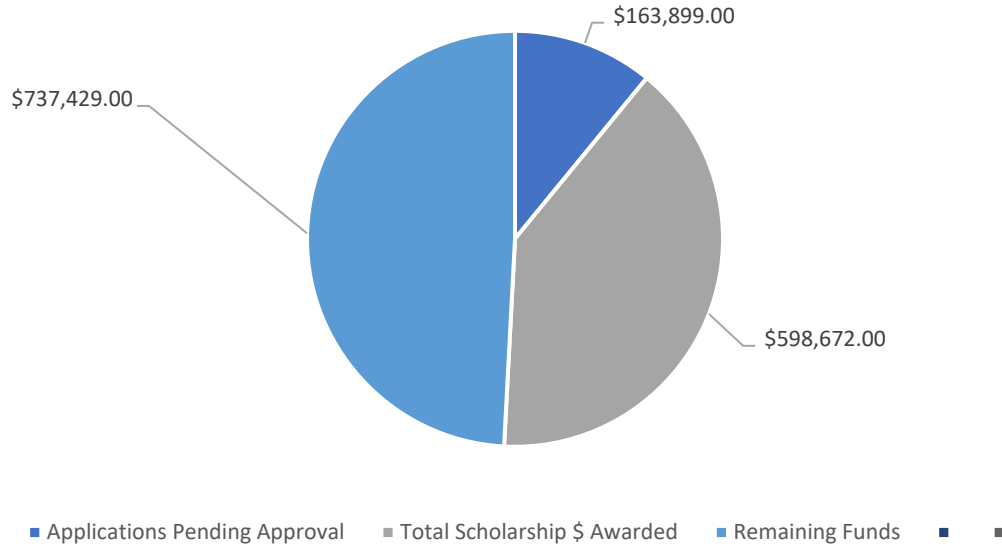
FY21 Scholarship Budget

The FY24 budget for the Virginia EMS Scholarship Program is \$1,500,000.00. The following chart shows a breakdown of funding based on three (3) categories:

- 1) Applications Pending Approval
- 2) Total Scholarship \$ Awarded
- 3) Remaining Funds

- **Application Pending Approval** – this category includes the total dollar value for all applications received through September 30, 2023. This covers Q1.
- **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.

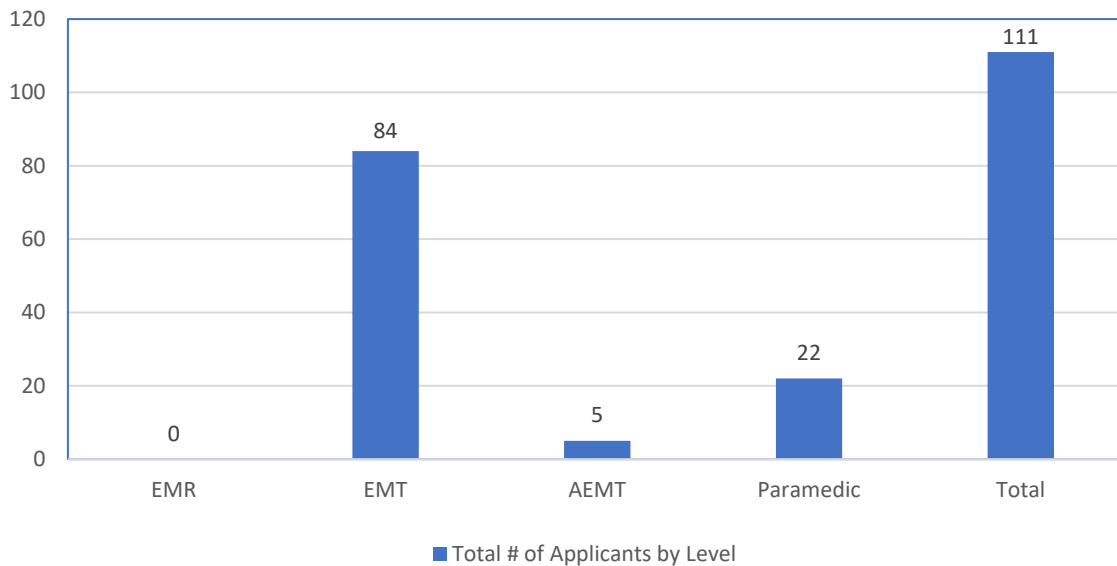
Scholarship Funding Overview



Breakdown of Pending Applications

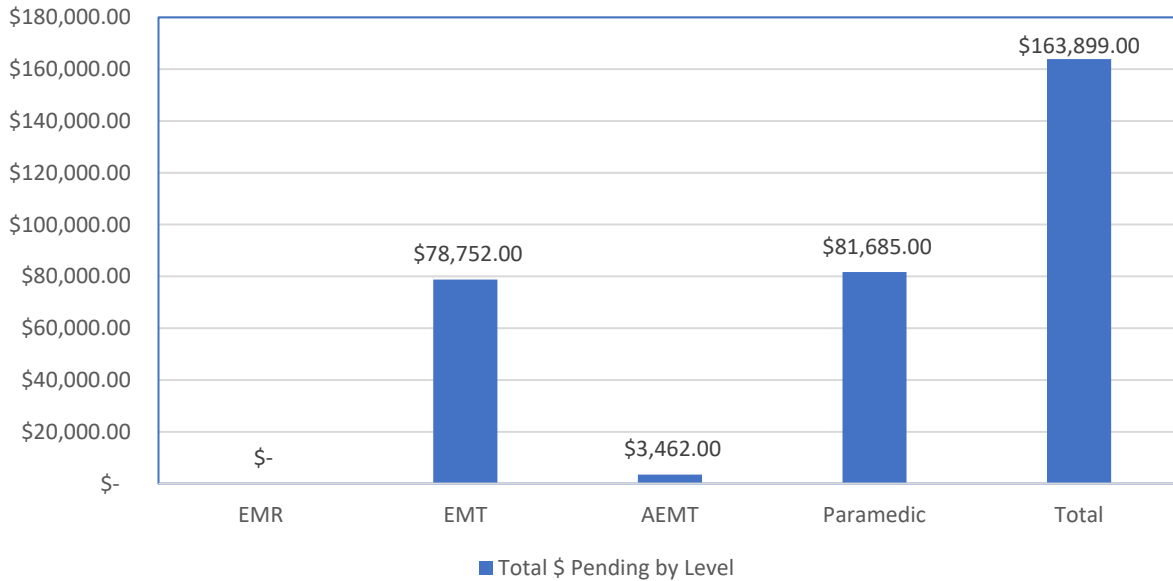
The following chart show of pending scholarship applications by training level. This includes all pending applications for students enrolled in eligible initial certification courses from June 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

Total # of Pending Applicants by Level



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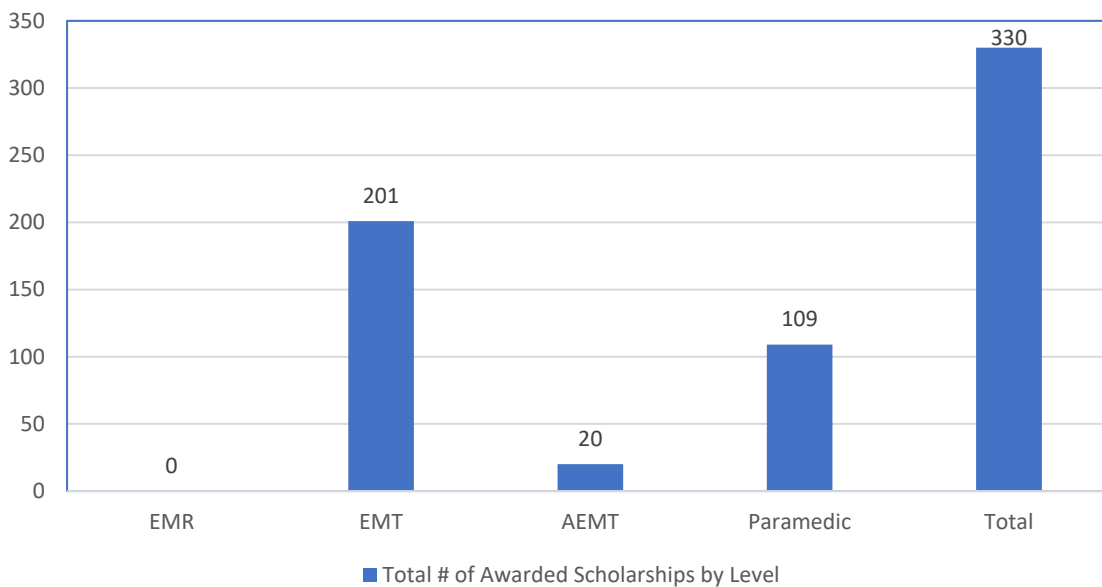
Total \$ of Pending Applications by Level



Breakdown of Awarded Scholarships

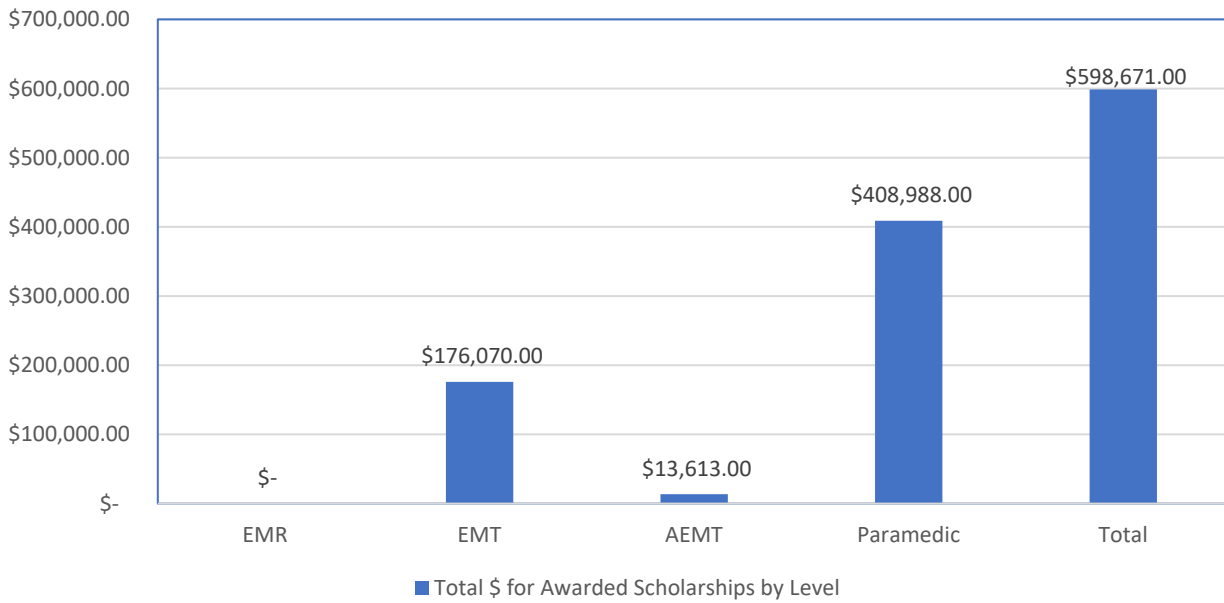
The following chart shows data for all scholarship applications which have been awarded by training level. This includes all awarded applications for students enrolled in eligible initial certification courses from June 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

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