

**Training and Certification Committee Minutes**  
**2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294**  
**Wednesday, July 12, 2023 – 10:30 am**

**Members Present**

R. Jason Ferguson, Chair  
 William Akers  
 Marlon Rickman  
 Bobby Lester  
 Matthew Lawler  
 Brian McIntosh  
 Mike Watkins  
 Steven Moring  
 Peppy Winchel

**Members Absent**

Christopher Kroboth  
 Larry Oliver

**Staff**

Chad Blosser  
 Debbie Akers  
 Dr. George Lindbeck  
 Scott Winston  
 Wanda Street  
 Tim Perkins  
 Adam Harrell

**Guests**

Donna Galganski-Pabst  
 Meagan Middleton  
 Matthew Snyder  
 Joann King  
 J. J. Bonavita  
 David Keeler  
 Reid Doughty  
 Jared Priddy  
 Chris Christensen  
 Paige Green  
 Al Thompson

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
<b>I. Welcome</b>	Jason Ferguson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.	
<b>II. Introductions</b>	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
<b>III. Approval of Agenda</b>	The Committee reviewed the agenda for today's meeting. <b>(Attached)</b>	<b>Approved by consensus</b>
<b>IV. Approval of the October 5, 2022 minutes:</b>	The committee approved the minutes as submitted. <b>(Attached)</b>	<b>Approved by consensus</b>
<b>V. Reports of Committee Members</b>	1. Reports of Committee Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Chairman Report – R. Jason Ferguson – No report at this time.</li> <li>b. Medical Direction Committee – Dr. George Lindbeck – Nothing to report.</li> <li>c. Committee Members:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Non-VCCS EMS Program – Steven Moring – No report.</li> <li>b. VCCS – Bill Akers – No report.</li> <li>c. VAVRS – Bobby Lester – No report.</li> <li>d. Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Peppy Winchel provided an update on several items the Regional Councils were doing with regard to training.</li> <li>e. EMSC – Mike Watkins – No report</li> <li>f. VAGEMSA – Larry Oliver – No report.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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<p>2. Office of EMS</p> <p>3. Division of Accreditation, Certification &amp; Education (ACE)</p> <p>4. State Medical Director – Dr. George Lindbeck – No report.</p> <p>5. EMS for Children – David Edwards – Not present.</p>	<p>g. Educators – Brian McIntosh – No report.</p> <p>h. EMS Advisory Board – Matt Lawler – No report.</p> <p>a. Education Program Manager – Chad Blosser, OEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Virginia EMS Scholarship Program Update – This document is located on the OEMS website.</li> <li>ii. Education Coordinator Candidate Program – There are 738 Education Coordinators as of today. We have 263 candidates in the pipeline, of which 40 are eligible for the next Institute to be held the end of September. The September Institute will be held at Tidewater Community College.</li> <li>iii. EC Updates - The remainder of 2023 and 2024 dates are being posted on the website. Please this page to sign up: <a href="https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/education-certification/educator-resources/ems-instructor-resources/ems-educator-update-schedule/">https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/education-certification/educator-resources/ems-instructor-resources/ems-educator-update-schedule/</a></li> </ul> <p>b. ACE Division Director – Debbie Akers, OEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. We have encountered issues with educators and EMS Physicians who do not understand the new CSDR layout for marking students in EMR and EMT programs.</li> <li>ii. We continue to have issues with bulk mailing and our use of GovDelivery. We have resorted to mail merging messages to EC's one at a time. Always check the Briefing Room for the latest.</li> <li>iii. Posted the 16<sup>th</sup> Percentile on August at the beginning of July. Virginia continues to exceed NREMT rates.</li> <li>iv. Attended NASEMSO in Reno in early June where NASEMSO adopted the AEMT SMC Guidelines. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. This is a guidance document and states can agree to adopt, but don't have to. Debbie sat on the Committee to develop the document. Seeking to have this adopted by EMS Advisory Board so we can move forward with no psychomotor examination at the AEMT</li> </ul> </li> <li>v. Clary Monet – Bill in Congress to advance the paramedic profession. Master level paramedics can work through a process to function as a NP or PC-C. This item was discussed briefly and Debbie indicated she would bring more information back as this develops.</li> <li>vi. Symposium has been scheduled. 431 classes. Goal to launch on August 1, 2023. Registration will be \$125. Taking over housing for the three main hotels. Requires registration to secure a room. Format change with an Opening Session on Wednesday at lunch with a meal provided.</li> <li>vii. Accreditation Report – PWC placing their program on hold – they are going with VCU.</li> </ul>	

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	<p>6. Regulation &amp; Compliance – Ron Passmore - Encourage education programs to use the background procedure through OEMS in order to prevent certification. Chapter 32 – has been approved by the EMS Advisory Board to move forward. Chapter 66 – DNR rewritten for style, no substantive changes. NOVA Rep. Lenny Mascaro has tendered his registration.</p> <p>7. Director/Asst. Director</p> <p>a. Gary</p> <p>a. August 4, 2023 EMS Advisory Board meeting.</p> <p>b. NREMT visiting OEMS on September 5, 2023 to discuss all things NREMT.</p> <p>b. Scott</p> <p>a. Hybrid Offices</p> <p>b. Filling positions. CSEMS fully staffed.</p> <p>c. Facility improvements for some councils.</p> <p>d. SWEMS exterior work.</p> <p>e. REMS technology updates.</p> <p>f. CSEMS HVAC updates.</p> <p>8. Board of Health</p> <p>a. State EMS Plan</p> <p>b. Chapter 66 – DNR</p> <p>c. Lunch and learn with Board of Health</p> <p>d. Ambulance Wall Times</p> <p>a. PCR vendors</p> <p>b. Agency Leadership</p> <p>c. Receiving facilities</p> <p>e. Update HB2175 – Section 1 Bill – Fire and EMS assessment. Workgroup has been formed. They are surveying cities, counties and towns. Resiliency, funding, etc. are being studied. \$100,000 budget for this project has not been approved and everything now falls to VDFP and other non-profit organizations and VAVRS and the Regional Councils to make this happen.</p> <p>9. Other Office Division Directors</p> <p>a. Adam</p> <p>a. Questions have come up about EMS Advisory Board meetings and vendor presentations at the meetings. There will be a vendor space to highlight products and removes COI for staff and board members.</p> <p>b. Emergency Ops actively working on EMD Regulations. This involves training, certification, continuing education, etc.</p> <p>b. CHATR</p> <p>a. EMS Officer I classes 5 more classes through the end of the year.</p> <p>b. Working on development of EMS Officer II.</p> <p>c. Virginia Telehealth Network</p> <p>d. Standards of Excellence visits.</p>	

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<b>VI. Committee Discussion Items</b>	None	
<b>VII. Previous Business</b>	None.	
<b>VIII. New Business</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Delay with EMT in the High Schools Workgroup due to lack of participation on the part of DOE.</li> <li>2. AEMT SMC Model Guideline <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. History <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. NREMT eliminating psychomotor testing.</li> <li>ii. Paramedic programs follow CoAEMSP.</li> <li>iii. NREMT does not want to own this.</li> <li>iv. NASEMSO then was selected. They selected members for this project. Four core members worked on the AEMT SMC document. Sent out to the states and there were concerns.</li> <li>v. AEMT SMC is a guidance document, not required to be adopted, but Virginia should look at adopting based on our accreditation requirements and program success.</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. Discussion about the AEMT Guidelines <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Brian McIntosh <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. AEMT SMC is similar and better than the TR-17 document which is current document.</li> <li>2. Allows for simulation.</li> </ol> </li> <li>ii. Charles <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. MDC is going to want to know if educators are okay with this document and its requirements.</li> </ol> </li> <li>iii. Steve <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Went through the document and feels it is a well-done document.</li> </ol> </li> <li>iv. Jason – Not prescriptive, allows program flexibility.</li> </ol> </li> <li>c. Peppy requested an Apprenticeships - request for a work-group. Anyone interested in participating contact Chad Blosser. Mike Watkins and Peppy Winchel &amp; Sherri Fulture are interested in participating.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. October 4, 2023 – Jason thanked everyone for the last six-years.</li> <li>4. d) Adjourned @ 11:54 AM</li> </ol>	<p><b>Motion was made to accept the 2023 NASEMSO AEMT SMC document.</b></p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<b>XI. Public Comment</b>	None.	
<b>X. Dates for 2021 Meetings</b>	A. Scheduled dates. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) <del>January 4, 2023</del></li> <li>ii) <del>April 5, 2023</del></li> <li>iii) <del>July 12, 2023</del></li> <li>iv) October 4, 2023</li> </ol>	

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<b>XI. Adjourn</b>	1. Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:54 a.m.	

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## **Training & Certification Committee**

**Wednesday, July 12, 2023 – 10:30 AM**

Embassy Suites by Hilton  
2925 Emerywood Pkwy  
Richmond, VA 23294

### **Meeting Agenda**

- I. Welcome**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Approval of Agenda**
- IV. Approval of Minutes from April 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**

**VII. Previous Business**

**VIII. New Business**

- A. EMT Programs in the High Schools Workgroup – Delayed due to lack of participation on the part of the Department of Education.

**IX. Public Comment**

**X. Quarterly Meetings**

**A. 2023 Quarterly Meetings**

1. ~~January 4, 2023~~
2. ~~April 5, 2023~~
3. ~~July 12, 2023~~
4. October 4, 2023

**XI. Adjourn**

**Attachment A to the  
July 12, 2023 TCC Minutes**

**Accreditation Report**



# Accredited Training Site Directory

As of July 11, 2023



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**Accredited Paramedic Training Programs in the Commonwealth**

<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Site Number</b>	<b>BLS Accredited</b>	<b># of Alternate Sites</b>	<b>Accreditation Status</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>
<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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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**

<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Site Number</b>	<b>BLS Accredited</b>	<b># of Alternate Sites</b>	<b>Accreditation Status</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>
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**

<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Site Number</b>	<b># of Alternate Sites</b>	<b>Accreditation Status</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>
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 to the  
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**Virginia EMS Scholarship  
Program**



# Quarterly Report

## Virginia EMS Scholarship Program

Fourth 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.

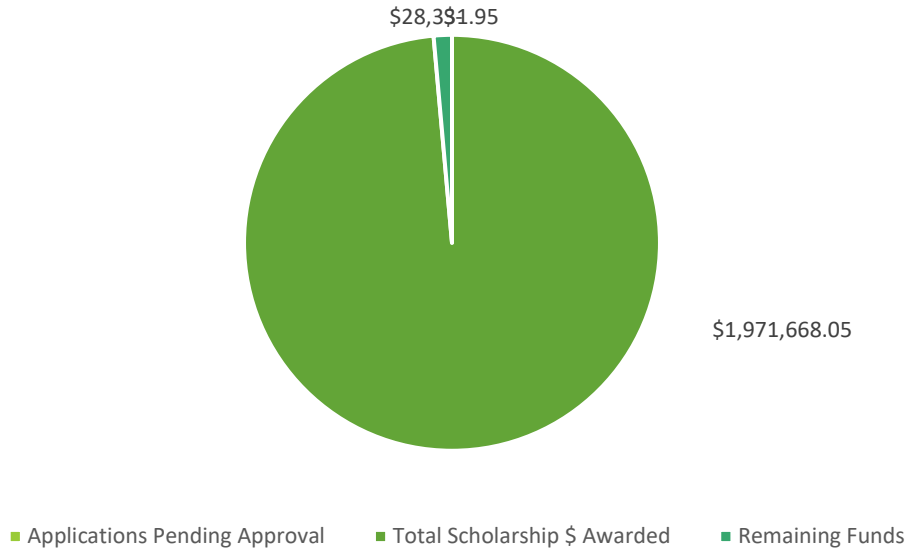
## FY23 Scholarship Budget

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 the reporting period.
- **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.

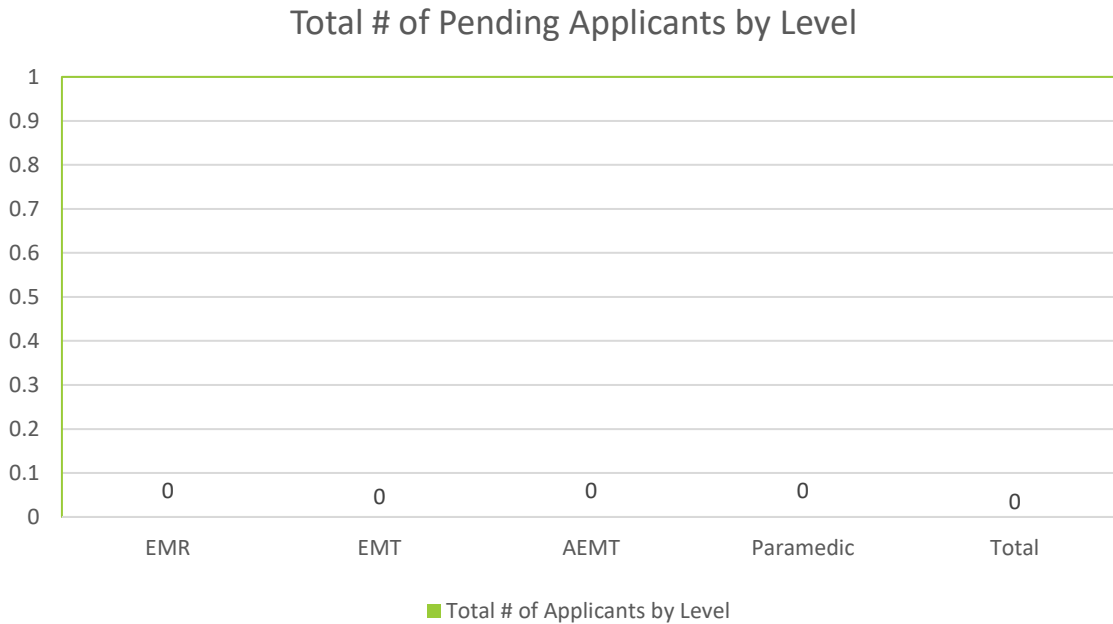


## Scholarship Funding Overview



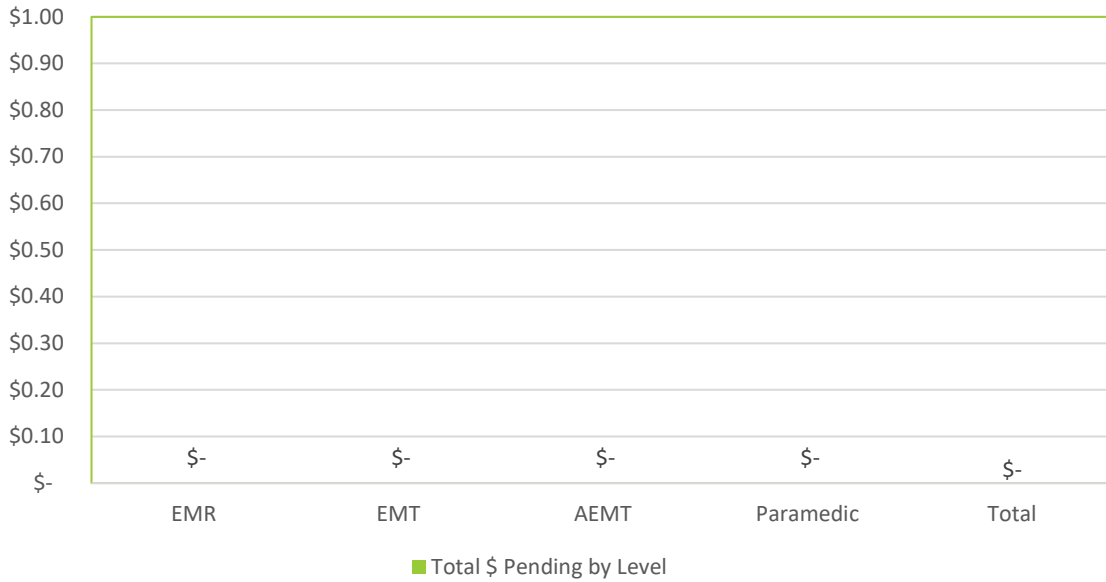
## Breakdown of Pending Applications

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, 2022 through May 31, 2023.



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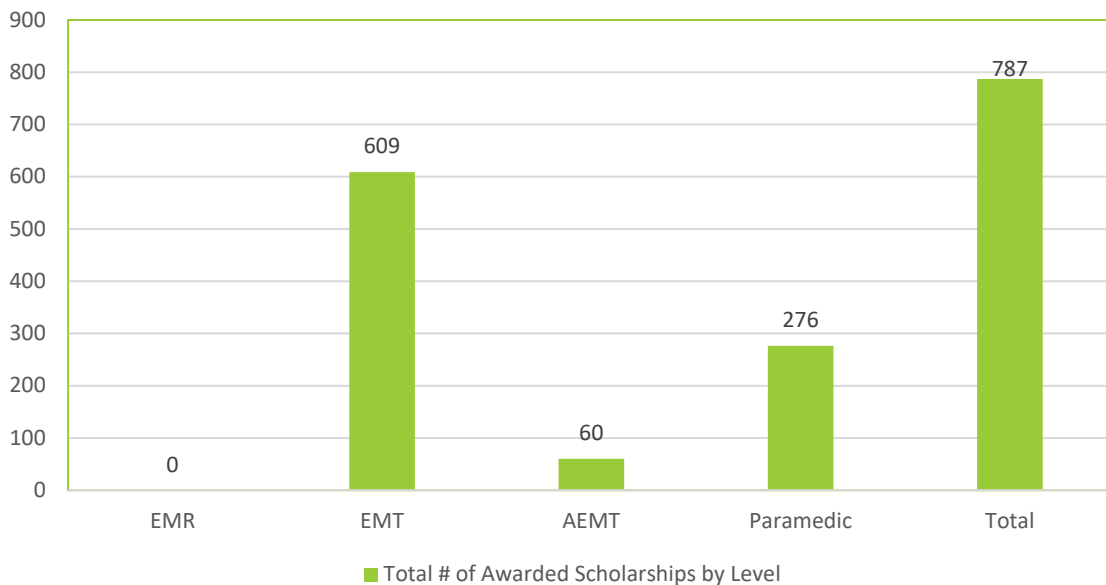
Total \$ of Pending Applications by Level



## 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 May 31, 2023.

Total # of Awarded Scholarships by Level



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Total \$ for Awarded Scholarships by Level

