

**Training and Certification Committee Minutes**  
**Embassy Suites, 2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294**  
**Wednesday, April 3rd, 2019 – 10:30 am**

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff	Others
R. Jason Ferguson – Chair William Akers Craig Evans Christopher Kroboth Brian McIntosh Dr. Robin Foster Dr. Charles Lane	Larry Oliver – Excused	Scott Winston Debbie Akers Chad Blosser Peter Brown Ron Passmore Wanda Street Dr. George Lindbeck	Tom Olander Donna Galganski Pabst Damien Coy Crystal Andrews Jay Gould Megan Middleton Daniel Linkins Michael McDonald Charles Feiring Michelle Ludeman William Fritz Nicholas Klimenko

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<b>I. Welcome</b>	R. Jason Ferguson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.	
<b>II. Introductions</b>	Introductions were made of committee members and guests.  Scott Winston, Debbie and Chad updated the committee on the reorganization of the Education Division. It is now two Divisions: Division of Accreditation, Certification and Education (ACE) and Division of Consolidated Testing and Video Production (CTVP).	
<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 Minutes</b>	The Committee reviewed the minutes of the January 9, 2019 Quarterly Meeting. Minutes available online: <a href="http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/education-certification/training-certification-committee-standing/">http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/education-certification/training-certification-committee-standing/</a> .	<b>Approved by consensus</b>

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<b>V. Reports of Committee Members</b>	<p>A. Reports of Committee Members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chairman Report – R. Jason Ferguson <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Discussion of Advisory Board approval of 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the EC process. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Drug facilitated intubation removed from the scope.</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. Discussion about two committee vacancies, possibly three – VAVRS and Non-VCCS Program.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Medical Direction Committee – Dr. Charles Lane <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Discussion of approval of color-coded epinephrine administration systems.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Committee Members: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Non-VCCS EMS Program – Vacant position – No report.</li> <li>b. VCCS – Bill Akers – Meeting on April 25. Discussion on G-3 statewide initiative. More to follow.</li> <li>c. VAVRS – Vacant position – No report.</li> <li>d. Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Craig Evans – No report.</li> <li>e. EMSC – Dr. Robin Foster – No report.</li> <li>f. VAGEMSA – Larry Oliver – Absent.</li> <li>g. Fire Based Organization – Christopher Kroboth – Discussion on EC Committee checklist for mentorship and an affective grading tool for mentor to utilize on the mentee.</li> <li>h. Educators – Brian McIntosh – No report.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>B. Office of EMS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Division of Accreditation, Certification &amp; Education <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Education Program Manager – Chad Blosser, OEMS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Education Coordinator Process Update – Discussion on checklist for mentorship, waiting a year until a mentor could take a mentee and affective grading tool. Per Chad all changes from the last meeting were approved by the Gov. Advisory Board in February: removing CTS requirement, administrative component changes and changes to initial EMT certification requirement.</li> <li>b. Education Coordinator Institute, March 2019 – Held in Augusta County and had 10 candidates. Added 10 new education coordinators. Only have six eligible candidates as of today. No other scheduled Institutes at this time.</li> <li>c. 2019 Educator Updates – Change in June location – Will now be held at Blacksburg Rescue Squad.</li> <li>d. EMS Scholarship Program – Document has been provided. Over 650 applications have been received. We have worked through the issue between VDH &amp; DOA. We have gotten caught up with all applications. Still need 82 to send W-9 forms.</li> <li>e. IT/EMS Portal – Major security update and release. Most of this is done in the background. However, four security questions will need to be established for each account and there will be new password requirements. The length will now be 10 characters instead of 8.</li> <li>f. CE and Auxiliary Program Funding with EMS Councils – No report.</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. Accreditation &amp; Certification Program Manager – Debbie Akers, OEMS</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. In House psychomotor competency – Discussion on accredited programs using old TR-90. Must move to new TR-90a. Time to have dual paths of BLS accreditation.</li> <li>b. Accreditation – Report was distributed as a handout; all of the new programs are not added due to the office renovation.</li> <li>c. NR Pass Rates – Virginia is one percentage point ahead of National Registry First Attempt. We are still at 92.3% first attempt pass rate with the change in testing. May be higher than that.</li> <li>d. In May, Debbie will serve on the committee to rewrite the education standards in Pittsburgh. She has also been asked by National Registry to serve on the practice analysis in Columbus, OH the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May. This will drive the exams for the next several years. She is honored to serve in these two capacities.</li> <li>e. Symposium 2019 – 425 classes have been selected out of over 1,020 submissions. Debbie is in final stages of scheduling. Symposium involving three hotels this year. The Main will be used for a second vendor hall, classes and general sessions.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Division of Consolidated Testing and Video Production <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Certification Testing Coordinator – Peter Brown, OEMS – Warren Short is the Manager for the Division. Peter will continue to be part-time. They are working on the PEG revisions but the office renovation has slowed the process down. Will be complete in next few weeks.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. State Medical Director – Dr. George Lindbeck – No report. Dr. Lindbeck congratulated Debbie for being selected to serve on those committees. The revised Scope of Practice will be posted on the OEMS website.</li> <li>4. Regulation &amp; Compliance – Ron Passmore – Discussion on fingerprint outsourcing has been approved and will be effective by end of summer. Chapter 32 is complete and will need approval from Board of Health at the June meeting. If students do clinicals beyond the End of Course Date, they will need to apply for a variance.</li> <li>5. Director/Asst. Director – Gary Brown/Scott Winston – Acknowledged that this is National Public Health Week. The next Mobile Integrated Healthcare-Community Paramedicine (MIH-CP) Workgroup is April 24 at 1:00 p.m. at this location. The workgroup is meeting monthly. This week we have initiated re-designation site visits for the regional councils. The State EMS Plan is being reviewed. Scott suggested that the EMS Plan be put on the agenda going forward. The Community Health and Technical Resources Division, Tim Perkins and Chris Vernovai, are responsible for submitting the State EMS Plan to the Board of Health. Today is Veto Session for the General Assembly. One item that they will review is Air Medical Balanced Billing. Effective the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, our office had to develop a balanced billing disclosure form. A balanced billing workgroup was established also according to one of the Governor’s amendments, Item 281. There was also discussion on driver’s license renewal fees and how they affect the trauma fund.</li> <li>6. Other Office Staff – No report.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Add the EMS State Plan to the next meeting Agenda per Scott.</b></p>
<p><b>VI. Committee Discussion Items</b></p>	<p>A. EC Process Update – Chris Kroboth, Statewide Fire-Based Organizations  Brian McIntosh, Education Coordinator</p> <p>This was previously discussed by Chad and Chris and they need to meet again to bounce around some ideas. They have taken some affective assessment tools from the nursing community and discussed them with the</p>	

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	<p>group. The other piece is the mentor check sheet for the things that need to be done prior to sending someone to the Institute. He will talk to Chad about how to start scheduling meetings again with the group. Discussion on timeline to become a mentor, possibly one year.</p>	
<p><b>VII. Previous Business</b></p>	<p>A. Staff are still awaiting guidance from the OAG on whether these special groups are to be referred to as “workgroups” or “sub-committees” and what impact this has on public access</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chapter 32 Review Workgroup – Bill Akers</li> <li>2. Psychomotor Workgroup – Chris Kroboth</li> <li>3. TR-90a Review – Jason Ferguson</li> <li>4. Medevac Training – Jason D. Ferguson</li> </ol> <p>Per Chad whether called workgroups or sub-committees, we will need to have open meetings that must be announced and posted on the Virginia Town Hall. The best option is to have meetings such as what we are having today to avoid posting the locations of each member’s home, office, etc. if attending remotely.</p>	
<p><b>VIII. New Business</b></p>	<p>None.</p>	
<p><b>XI. Public Comment</b></p>	<p>There is a rumor that people need to register for symposium first in order to get a hotel room. They will register for anything and then revise their registration. Per Scott, there is a requirement for a symposium registration to get a room. This could change. We will open registration about a month earlier than in previous years. Scott will discuss the registration changes/issues with Adam to avoid someone from having to make all of the course changes.</p> <p>Debbie mentioned that National Registry had a glitch in their system and provider cards went out with the wrong certification number, wrong level, and the wrong name on them. They have sent out corrected cards, so be aware that incorrect cards are floating around. Please use the National Registry website to verify any cards presented to you.</p> <p>Also, National Registry recertified Intermediate 99’s and gave them a card that expires March 31, 2021. Next week they will change all of them to AEMTs and send them a letter with the correct cards. Again, be aware that you may be presented with an incorrect I-99 card.</p> <p>Several instructors for symposium have not received a rejection or acceptance notification yet. Have they been sent yet or has there been a delay? Debbie stated that the accepted list went out and was received because she has received responses. The non-accepted list may have been hung up somewhere. She will resubmit that list. Faculty schedules will go out tomorrow.</p>	
<p><b>X. Dates for 2019 Meetings</b></p>	<p>A. Scheduled dates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. July 10, 2019</li> <li>2. October 2, 2019</li> <li>3. January 8, 2020</li> </ol>	

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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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OEMS Staff Representative  
April 3, 2019

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**Meeting Agenda**

- I. Welcome**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Approval of Agenda**
- IV. Approval of Minutes from January 9, 2019**
- V. Reports of Committee Members**
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    1. Chairman Report
    2. Medical Direction Committee
    3. Committee Members
  - B. Office of EMS**
    1. Division of Accreditation, Certification & Education
      - a. Education Program Manager – Chad Blosser, OEMS
        - a. Education Coordinator Process Update
        - b. Education Coordinator Institute, March 2019
        - c. 2019 Educator Updates – change in June location
        - d. EMS Scholarship Program
        - e. CE and Auxiliary Program Funding with EMS Councils
      - b. Accreditation & Certification Program Manager – Debbie Akers, OEMS
        - a. In House psychomotor competency
        - b. Accreditation
        - c. 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. EC Process Update – Christopher Kroboth, Statewide Fire-based Organizations**  
Brian McIntosh, Education Coordinator

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### VIII. New Business

### IX. Public Comment

### X. Dates for 2019 Quarterly Meetings

- A. Scheduled dates:
1. July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019
  2. October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019
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- 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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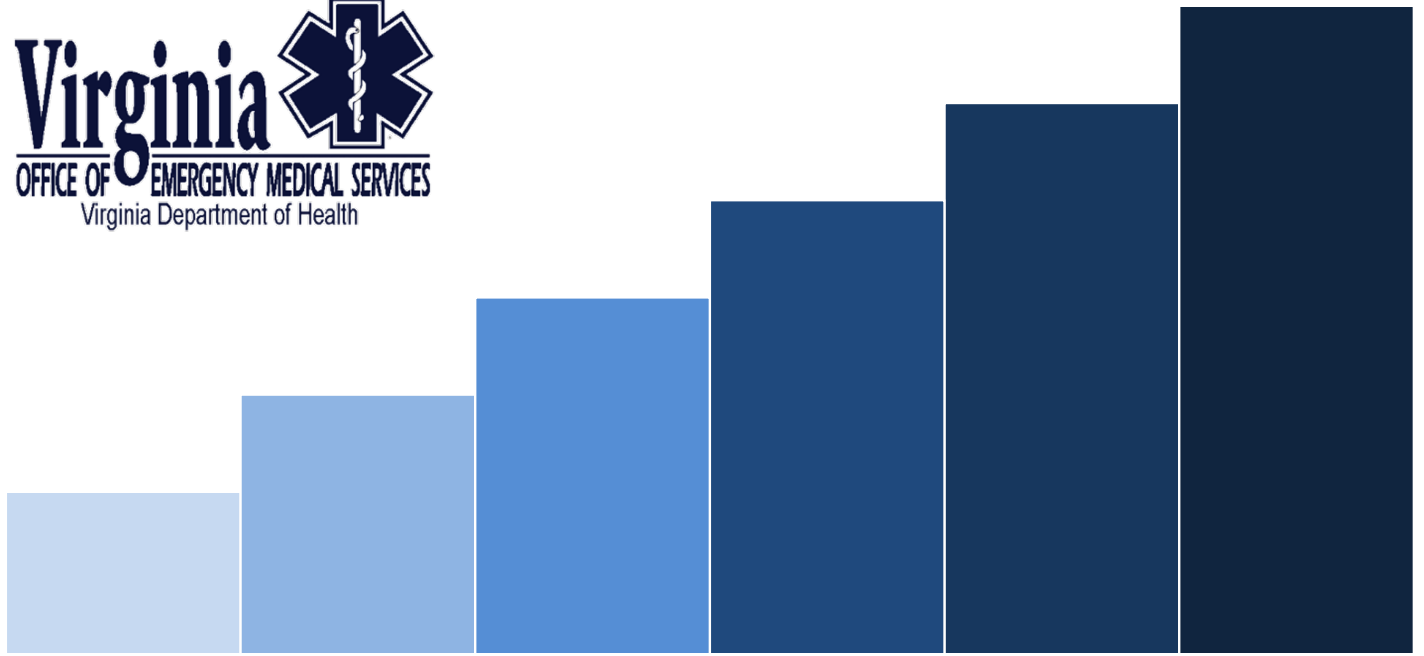
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**Attachment A to the  
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**Virginia EMS Scholarship Q3  
Report**





# Quarterly Report

## Virginia EMS Scholarship Program

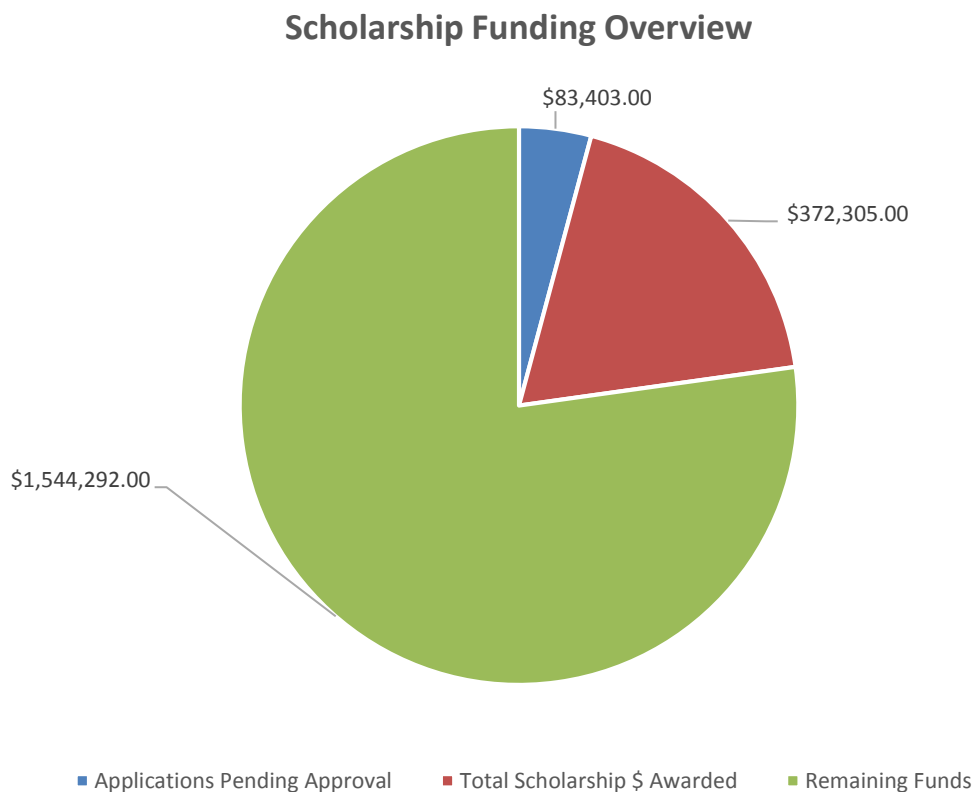
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## FY19 Scholarship Budget

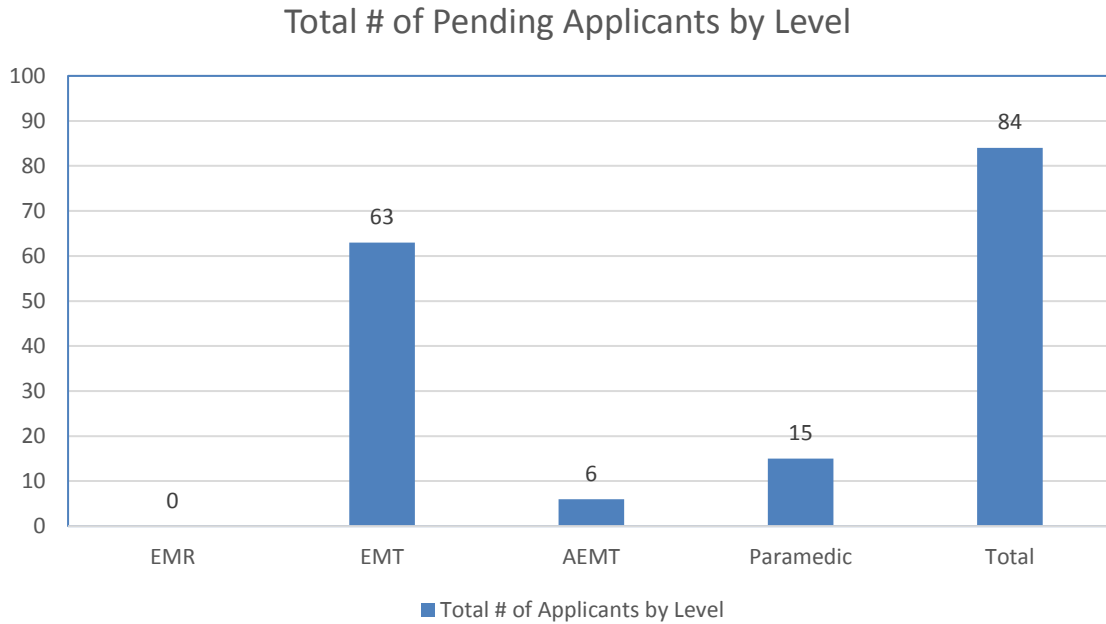
The FY19 budget for the Virginia EMS Scholarship Program is \$2,000,000.00. The following chart shows a breakdown of funding based on three (3) categories: 1) Applications Pending Approval, 2) Total Scholarship \$ Awarded, and Remaining Funds.

- **Application Pending Approval** – this category includes the total dollar value for all applications received from July 1, 2018 through March 29, 2019. This covers Q1 through Q3 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.

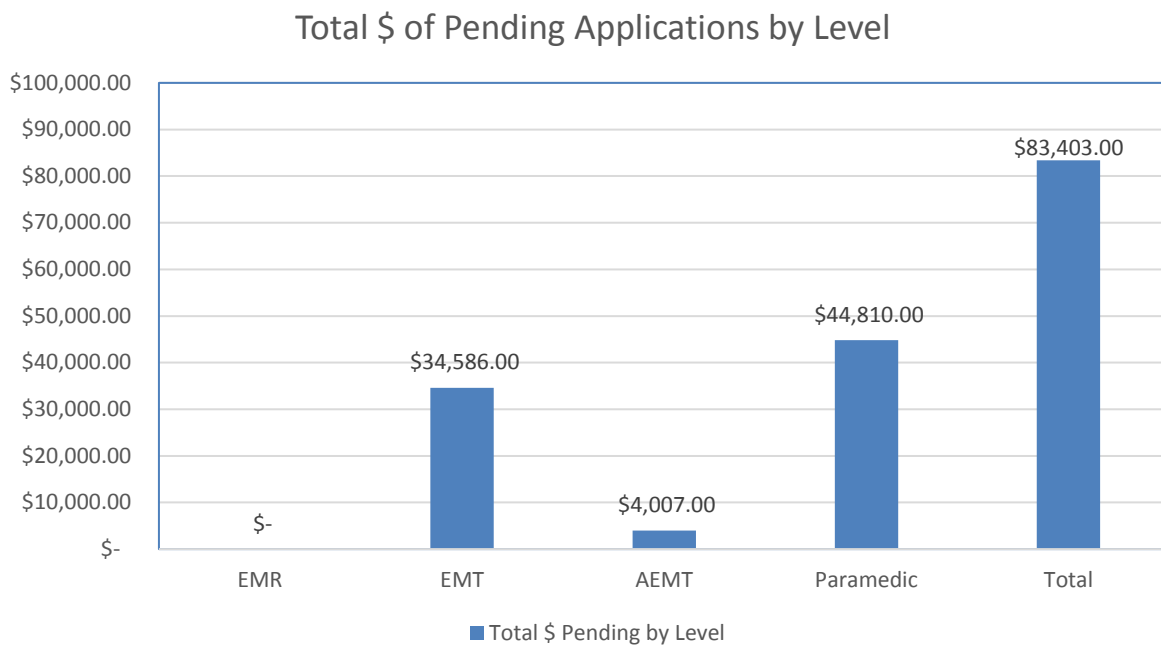


## Breakdown of Pending Applications

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 March 29, 2019.



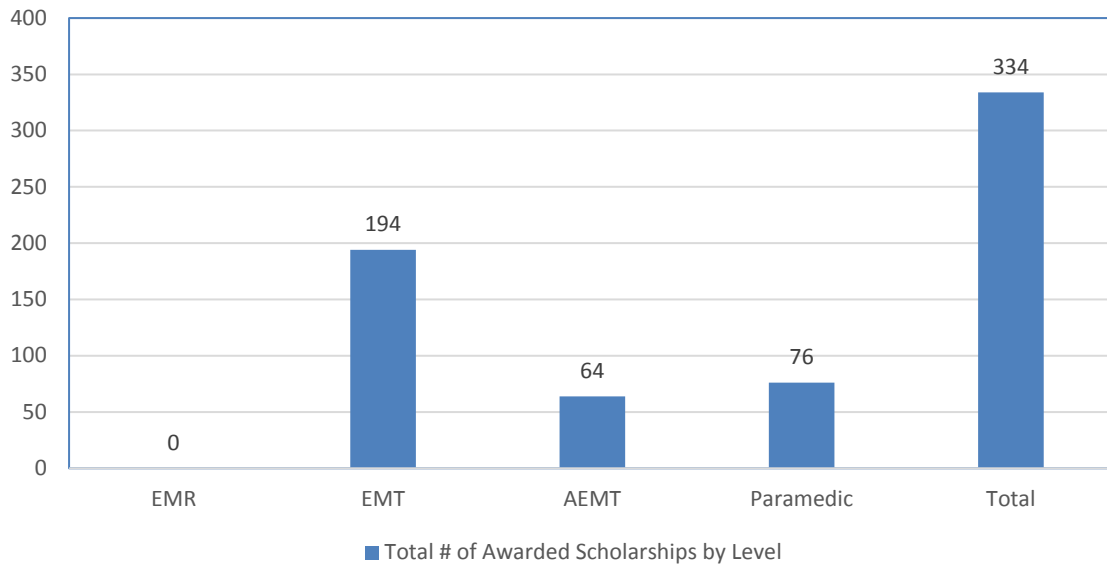
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## Breakdown of Awarded Scholarships

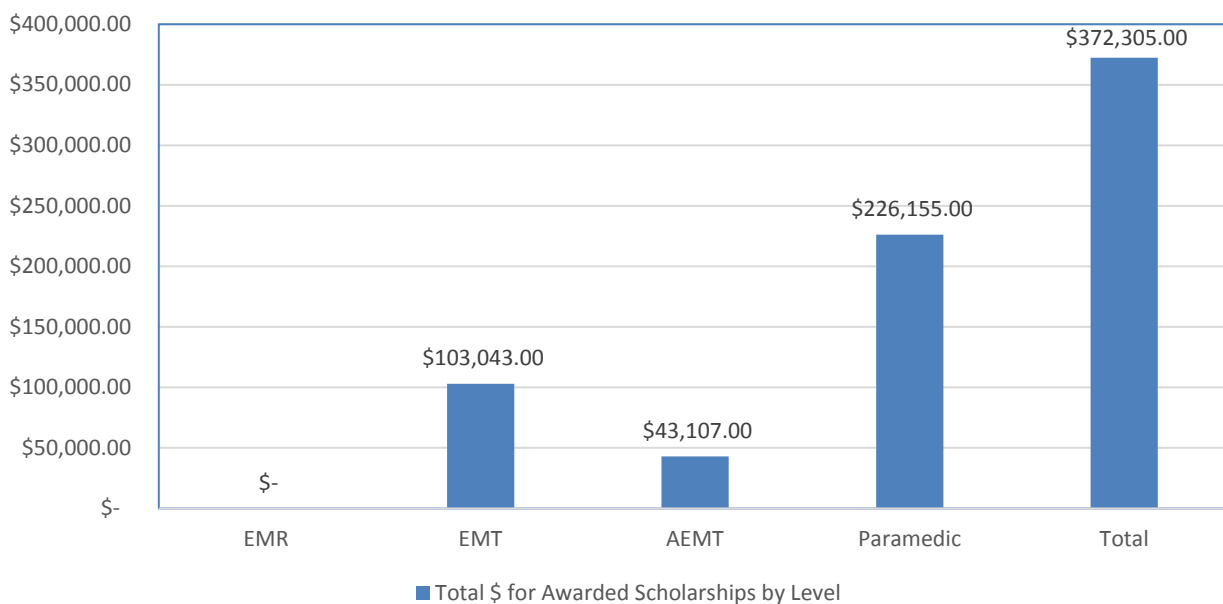
The following chart shows data for all scholarship applications which have been awarded by training level. This includes all awarded applications for students enrolled in eligible initial certification courses from July 1, 2018 through March 29, 2019.

Total # of Awarded Scholarships by Level



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Total \$ for Awarded Scholarships by Level



**Attachment B to the  
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**National Registry Statistics**

# EMT Statistics

## As of 01/02/2019

### Virginia:

**Report Date:** 1/2/2019 5:35:13 PM  
**Report Type:** State Report (VA)  
**Registration Level:** EMT  
**Course Completion Date:** 1st Quarter 2016 to 1st 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
7820	70% (5446)	80% (6257)	80% (6295)	0% (4)	12% (972)	7% (553)

### National Registry Statistics:

**Report Date:** 1/2/2019 5:33:02 PM  
**Report Type:** National Report  
**Registration Level:** EMT  
**Course Completion Date:** 1st Quarter 2016 to 1st Quarter 2019  
**Training Program:** All

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217110	69% (150823)	81% (174998)	81% (176318)	0% (180)	12% (26350)	7% (14359)

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 April 2, 2019





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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>Central Virginia Community College</i>	68006	Yes*	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>ECPI University</i>	70017	Yes*	--	CoAEMSP - LOR	
<i>J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College</i>	08709	No	2	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Jefferson College of Health Sciences</i>	77007	Yes*	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>John Tyler Community College</i>	04115	Yes*	--	National - Initial	
<i>Lord Fairfax Community College</i>	06903	No	--	National – Initial	CoAEMSP
<i>Loudoun County Fire &amp; Rescue</i>	10704	No	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Northern Virginia Community College</i>	05906	Yes	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Patrick Henry Community College</i>	08908	No	--	CoAEMSP – Initial	CoAEMSP
<i>Piedmont Virginia Community College</i>	54006	Yes	1	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Prince William County Dept of Fire and Rescue</i>	15312	Yes*	--	CoAEMSP – Initial	CoAEMSP
<i>Rappahannock Community College</i>	11903	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Initial	CoAEMSP
<i>Southside Virginia Community College</i>	18507	No	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Southwest Virginia Community College</i>	11709	Yes*	3	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Stafford County &amp; Associates in Emergency Care</i>	15319	Yes*	5	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Thomas Nelson Community College</i>	83012	Yes*	--	CoAEMSP – LOR	
<i>Tidewater Community College</i>	81016	Yes*	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>VCU School of Medicine Paramedic Program</i>	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 has been scheduled for May, 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.
- Blue Ridge Community College has submitted their LSSR for consideration to offer their initial cohort class.

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

**Accredited Intermediate 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>Central Shenandoah EMS Council</i>	79001	Yes	4	State – Full	December 31, 2019
<i>Danville Area Training Center</i>	69009	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2019
<i>Hampton Fire &amp; EMS</i>	83002	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2019
<i>Henrico County Fire Training</i>	08718	Yes*	--	State – Full	August 31, 2020
<i>James City County Fire Rescue</i>	83002	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2019
<i>Norfolk Fire Department</i>	71008	No	--	State – Full	July 31, 2021
<i>Paul D. Camp Community College</i>	62003	Yes	--	State – Full	May 31, 2021
<i>Southwest Virginia EMS Council</i>	52003	Yes*	--	State – Full	December 31, 2019
<i>UVA Prehospital Program</i>	54008	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2019
<i>WVEMS – New River Valley Training Center</i>	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**

<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>
<b>Fauquier County Fire &amp; Rescue – Warrenton</b>	06125	Yes	--	State – LOR	June 30, 2019
<b>Frederick County Fire &amp; Rescue</b>	06906	Yes*	--	State – Full	July 31, 2020
<b>Newport News Fire Training</b>	70007	No	--	State – LOR	June 30, 2019

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**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>
Arlington County Fire Training	01305	-	State – Letter of Review	
Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire EMS	71006	--	State – Full	July 31, 2019
City of Virginia Beach Fire and EMS	81004*	--	State – Full	July 31, 2019
Chesterfield Fire & EMS	04103*	--	State – Full	July 31, 2020

- Arlington County Fire Training has completed their first cohort and site visit is being scheduled.

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