

MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMITTEE
Office of Emergency Medical Services
1041 Technology Park Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23059
Thursday, April 8, 2021
10:30 AM

Members Present:

Allen Yee, M.D. – Chair (Virtual)
 Asher Brand, M.D. (Virtual)
 George Lindbeck, M.D.
 Stewart Martin, M.D. (Virtual)
 John Morgan, M.D. (Virtual)
 Charles Lane, M.D. (Virtual)
 Christopher Turnbull, M.D. (Virtual)
 Scott Weir, M.D. (Virtual)
 Amir Louka M.D. (Virtual)
 Wendy Wilcoxson, D. O. (Virtual)

Members Absent:

Paul Phillips, D.O. - Excused
 E. Reed Smith, MD - Excused

Staff:

Scott Winston
 Debbie Akers
 Tim Perkins (Virtual)
 Ron Passmore (Virtual)
 Chad Blosser
 Wanda Street
 Gary Brown
 Adam Harrell
 Karen Owens (Virtual)

Others:

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
I. Welcome	Dr. Yee called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.	
II. Introductions	All in-person and virtual attendees introduced themselves.	
III. Approval of Agenda	Approval of agenda	Approved by consensus
IV. Approval of Minutes	Approval of minutes from January 16, 2020	Approved by consensus
V. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) & Board of Pharmacy (BOP) Compliance Issues	Dr. Lindbeck gave a brief update. The final regulations have still not been received from the DEA. Until we get the regulations, we need to help our agencies negotiate the CSRC (Controlled Substance Registration Certificate) process as an early step. It would be beneficial to create a way to start staggering these as not every agency will need them. Ron Passmore agreed. The committee discussed some of the specifics of CSRC. George Lindbeck will send the BOP CSRC website link to the committee members.	
VI. Old Business	a. Evidenced Based Guidelines for Blood – Dr. Morgan This topic was discussed last January and a draft white paper was submitted. The committee discussed whole blood and the regions that are carrying it. Dr. Morgan wants to finish the white paper and make it official. The whole blood storage and utilization process was explained. The workgroup will meet again to create a plan and ask a trauma surgeon to join the workgroup. Dr. Weir discussed addressing the challenges that hospitals will need to overcome.	

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	<p>b. White Paper of Vaccination Suggestions – Dr. Brand and Dr. Sullivan This topic can be removed from the agenda. It was about influenza vaccines. Ron updated the EMT’s ability to administer vaccines according to the <i>Code of Virginia §54.1-3408</i>. Guidance documents have been updated on the OEMS website as well. NHTSA just updated the scope of Practice on immunizations and she will email it out.</p> <p>c. CARES – Dr. Brand and Dr. Yee There has been no movement on this. Adam informed that there will be more information on this. Dr. Morgan stated that a regional CARES group has been worked on and more information will be forthcoming.</p> <p>d. MDC Projects – Dr. Yee No report.</p> <p>e. State Certification for Assistant Medical Directors (PA and NPs) – Dr. E. Reed Smith Dr. Reed is not in attendance. Dr. Lindbeck discussed this topic and in Pennsylvania, they allow PA and NPs to become Assistant Medical Directors. There is a concern that PA and NP will become the primary medical directors. This topic was tabled.</p>	
VII. New Business	<p>a. Training and Certification Committee Report – Dr. Charles Lane The TCC met yesterday and heavily discussed competencies and Virtual Instructor Led Training issues.</p> <p>b. Virtual Instructor Lead Training (VILT) Course Limitations – Dr. Yee and Dr. Lindbeck There is a limit of 30 participants. The challenge is how to ensure that the learners are engaged, interacting, and participating. A workgroup was established to look further into this matter. The committee continued to discuss this topic in detail. The committee decided to wait until the workgroup meets to take any action.</p>	
VIII. Research Requests	None.	
IX. State OMD Issues – George Lindbeck, MD		
	<p>a. Scope of Practice Changes Debbie stated that the workgroup that she was on has finished their work and everything is now in the hands of NHTSA. The document with the recently adopted changes was sent to everyone from Debbie. She also stated that there were no changes at the paramedic level.</p> <p>Dr. Lindbeck and Dr. Yee discussed resuscitation and IM medication guidelines. Dr. Yee asked if the committee wants to create a workgroup to look into this.</p> <p>Debbie stated that once the final document comes out, the ACE Division will look at it and send it out to the committee. It was indicated to make this the educational minimums, not the practice maximums. OEMS will need guidance about how to prepare educators.</p>	

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	<p>The committee continued to discuss the National Education Standards and National Scope of Practice in detail. Debbie will send out the final draft of the Education Standards. Dr. Yee suggested to table this discussion until next meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Lindbeck made a motion that we should add PPI intrusions for GI bleed to the Virginia scope of practice at the INT level. The motion was seconded. There were no objections. The motion passed.</p> <p>The committee discussed the administration (volume or syringe limited methods) of Epinephrine and Naloxone by EMTs.</p> <p>A motion was made by Dr. Weir to allow volume limited, syringe limited or clearly marked syringe methods of medication preparation/administration for EMT's on the procedures grid. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.</p> <p>Other issues discussed: Taking patients to comprehensive stroke centers and bypassing nearest facilities. Debbie will send this information out to the committee members. An AHA workgroup wrote this and Stroke published it. Per Dr. Yee, we need to collaborate with VSSTF (Virginia Stroke System Task Force) on this.</p> <p>During the OEMS report below, Dr. Lindbeck stated that he is getting emails about administration of medications such as Zofran. A motion was made by Dr. Weir to add a sentence to the previous motion that references Naxolone intranasal administration by the same methodologies of preparing the dose for epinephrine in the procedure grid to provide a mechanism for administering volume limited, syringe limited or clearly marked syringe methods for intranasal Naloxone administration at the EMT levels. The motion was seconded.</p> <p>Dr. Louka suggested to focus more on the procedure and not the specific medications.</p> <p>Dr. Lindbeck suggested going through the Formulary line by line at the next meeting. There was discussion about reconstituting medications including vaccines.</p> <p>Dr. Brand made a motion that we add to the Scope of Practice the drawing up and reconstitution of medications and vaccinations. This only applies to meds in the EMS Formulary. The motion was seconded. Motion carries.</p> <p>The committee agreed to add the word vaccine under Biological for Advanced. Add "Excludes vaccines to minors" in the right hand column section. A motion was made to make the above changes. All committee members were in favor.</p>	

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X. Office of EMS Reports		
	<p>a. Division of Accreditation, Certification and Education Education Program Manager – Chad Blosser Everyone should have received scholarship report. Chad gave updates on the EMS Scholarship program, Education Coordinator program and the Instructor Institute. Two Institutes were held in 2020. An Instructor Institute is scheduled in early June at Central Virginia Community College and late September in Northern Virginia. Discussion was held at the meeting yesterday in depth about the ethics and morals decline in education coordinators as well as the education coordinators not being in tune with the Office of EMS procedures and guidelines.</p> <p>Division Manager – Debbie Akers Debbie gave updates on Accreditation visits, National Registry, Education Standards update on change of patient contact numbers.</p> <p>b. Director/Asst. Director – Gary Brown/Scott Winston The Office is trying to ramp up all committees on the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board Committee meeting is Friday, May 7, and a possible Trauma and Administrative and Governance (TAG) meeting on Thursday, May 6. Symposium will be held this year on Nov. 3rd – 7th, 2021. Gary congratulated Dr. Yee, who won the 2020 Governor’s award for Excellence in EMS. Other winners are on the OEMS website.</p> <p>c. Asst. Director – Scott Winston OEMS has established three hybrid EMS offices to include CSEMS, Blue Ridge EMS and Rappahannock EMS Councils.</p> <p>d. Associate Director – Adam Harrell OEMS is currently undergoing a massive IT project in migrating from ImageTrend to ESO Suite of products.</p> <p>e. Trauma Services – Adam Harrell Cam Crittenden has left OEMS, but is still contracting with the Office. Adam is overseeing the IT support staff and epidemiologist and Gary is handling the trauma system components.</p> <p>f. Other Office Staff None.</p>	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.	
Quarterly Meeting Dates for 2021	July 8, 2021 October 7, 2021 Meeting location TBD	
Adjournment	1:45 p.m.	

Respectfully submitted by:
Wanda L. Street
Executive Secretary
April 8, 2021

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Attachment A

National Registry Statistics

EMT Statistics

As of 04/02/2021

Virginia:

Report Date: 4/2/2021 10:45:58 AM
Report Type: State Report (VA)
Registration Level: EMT
Course Completion Date: 2nd Quarter 2018 to 2nd Quarter 2021
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
8559	71% (6050)	80% (6847)	80% (6889)	0% (4)	15% (1310)	4% (358)

National Registry Statistics:

Report Date: 4/2/2021 10:43:34 AM
Report Type: National Report
Registration Level: EMT
Course Completion Date: 2nd Quarter 2018 to 2nd Quarter 2021
Training Program: All

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230553	68% (157628)	80% (183603)	80% (185397)	0% (266)	16% (36597)	4% (8366)

Individual Instructor Statistics are available on the OEMS webpage at the following link: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/education-certification/program-rankings-based-on-16th-percentile-peer-to-peer-benchmarking/>

Attachment B

Accreditation Report

Accredited Training Site Directory

As of March 31, 2021



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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*	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>ECPI University</i>	70017	Yes*	--	National – Initial	CoAEMSP
<i>Henrico County Division of Fire</i>	08718	Yes*	--	CoAEMSP – LOR	
<i>J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College</i>	08709	No	1	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>John Tyler Community College</i>	04115	Yes*	--	National - Initial	CoAEMSP
<i>Lord Fairfax Community College</i>	06903	Yes**	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Loudoun County Fire & Rescue</i>	10704	Yes*	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Northern Virginia Community College</i>	05906	Yes*	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Patrick Henry Community College</i>	08908	No	--	National – Continuing	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>Radford University Carilion</i>	77007	Yes*	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Rappahannock Community College</i>	11903	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Initial	CoAEMSP
<i>Southside Virginia Community College</i>	18507	Yes**	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Southwest Virginia Community College</i>	11709	Yes*	4	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Stafford County & Associates in Emergency Care</i>	15319	Yes*	6	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Thomas Nelson Community College</i>	83012	Yes*	1	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 AEMT, EMT, and EMR, as well as teach continuing education and auxiliary courses.

- Thomas Nelson Community College under Letter of Review to conduct their first cohort class.
- Blue Ridge Community College under Letter of Review to conduct their first cohort class.
- Henrico County Division of Fire under Letter of Review to conduct their first cohort class.

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

Accredited AEMT Training Programs in the Commonwealth

Site Name	Site Number	BLS Accredited	# of Alternate Sites	Accreditation Status	Expiration Date
<i>Accomack County Dept. of Public Safety</i>	00121	No	--	State – LOR	August 31, 2021
<i>Augusta County Fire and Rescue</i>	01521	Yes	--	State – LOR	August 31, 2021
<i>Fauquier County Fire & Rescue – Warrenton</i>	06125	Yes	--	State – LOR	June 30, 2021
<i>Frederick County Fire & Rescue</i>	06906	Yes	--	State – Full	July 31, 2021
<i>Hampton Fire & EMS</i>	83002	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2021
<i>Hampton Roads Regional EMS Academy (HRREMSA)</i>	74039	Yes	--	State – LOR	August 31, 2021
<i>James City County Fire Rescue</i>	83002	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2021
<i>Newport News Fire Training</i>	70007	No	--	State – LOR	June 30, 2021
<i>Norfolk Fire and Rescue</i>	71008	Yes	--	State – Full	July 31, 2021
<i>Paul D. Camp Community College</i>	62003	Yes	--	State – Full	May 31, 2021
<i>Rockingham County Fire and Rescue</i>	16536	No	--	State – LOR	November 1, 2021
<i>Southwest Virginia EMS Council</i>	52003	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2021
<i>UVA Prehospital Program</i>	54008	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2021
<i>WVEMS – New River Valley Training Center</i>	75004	No	--	State – Full	June 30, 2022

Accredited EMT Training Programs in the Commonwealth

Site Name	Site Number	# of Alternate Sites	Accreditation Status	Expiration Date
Arlington County Fire Training	01305	-	State – Letter of Review	July 31, 2021
Augusta County Fire and Rescue	01521	--	State – Letter of Review	August 31, 2021
City of Virginia Beach Fire and EMS	81004	--	State – Full	July 31, 2021
Chesterfield Fire & EMS	04103	--	State – Full	July 31, 2021
Gloucester Volunteer Fire & Rescue	07302	--	State – Letter of Review	November 30, 2021
Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire EMS	71006	--	State – Full	July 31, 2021
Roanoke Valley Regional Fire/EMS Training	77505	--	State – Letter of Review	December 31, 2021

Attachment C

EMSSP Report



Quarterly Report

Virginia EMS Scholarship Program

Third Quarter – FY21

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.

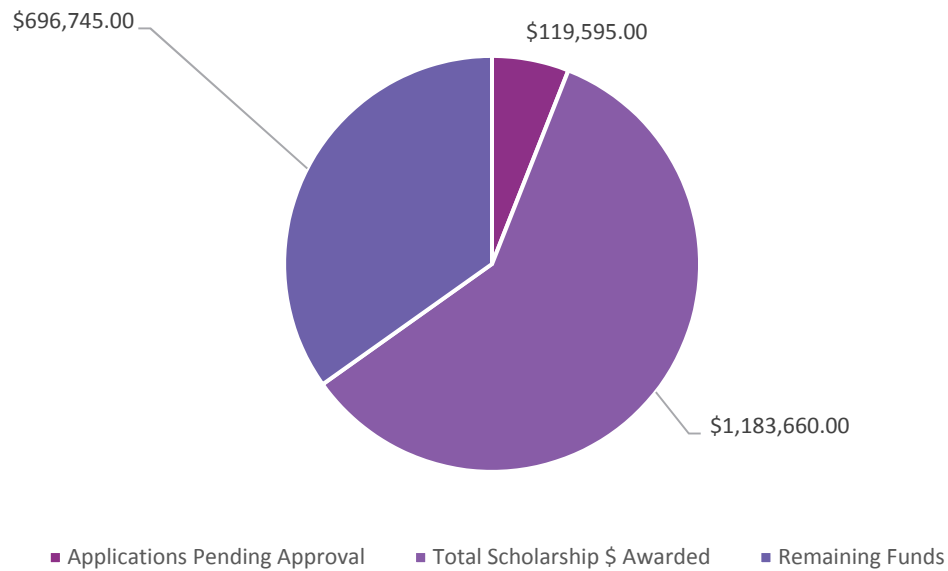
The scholarship program is not designed to provide 100% funding for a training program.

FY21 Scholarship Budget

The FY20 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.

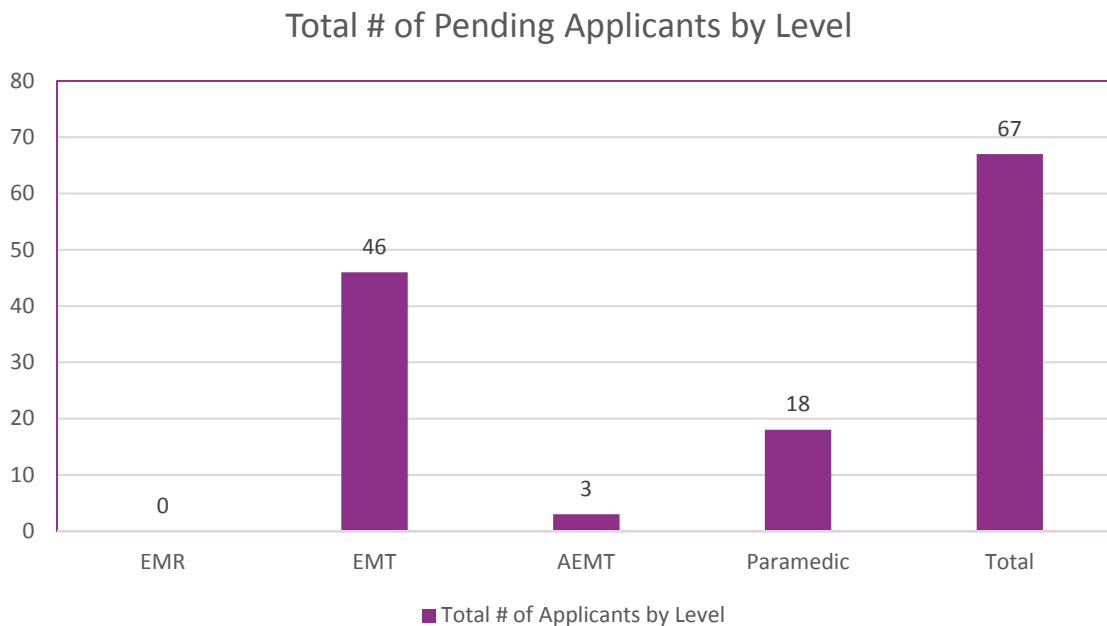
- **Application Pending Approval** – this category includes the total dollar value for all applications received from June 4, 2021 through March 31, 2020. This covers Q1, Q2, & Q3 of FY20.
- **Total Scholarship \$ Awarded** – this category is the total dollar value for all scholarship applications which 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



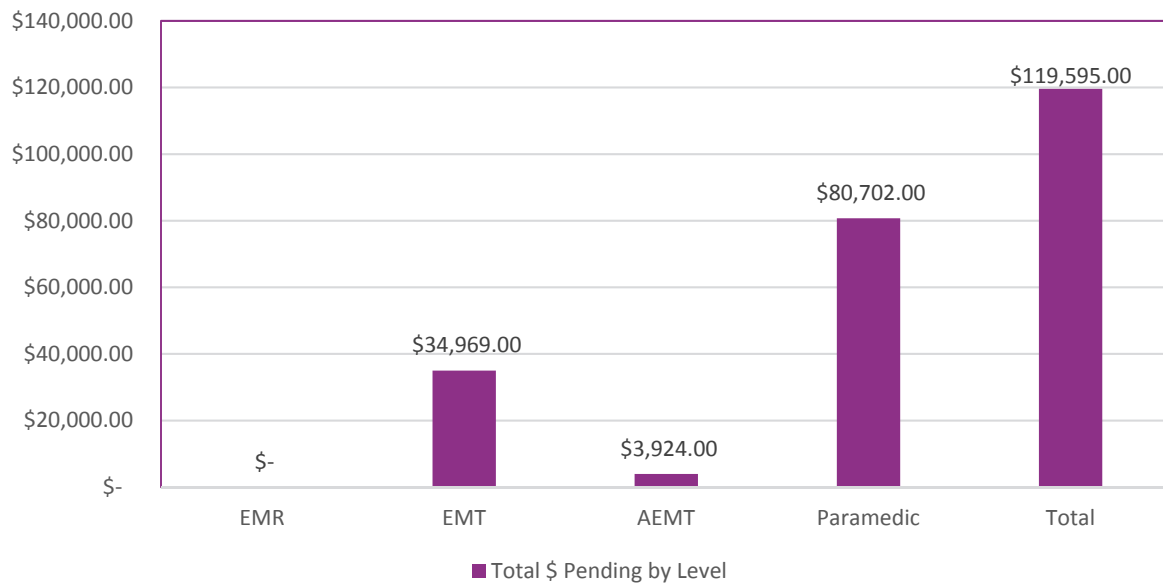
Breakdown of Pending Applications

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 4, 2020 through March 31, 2021.



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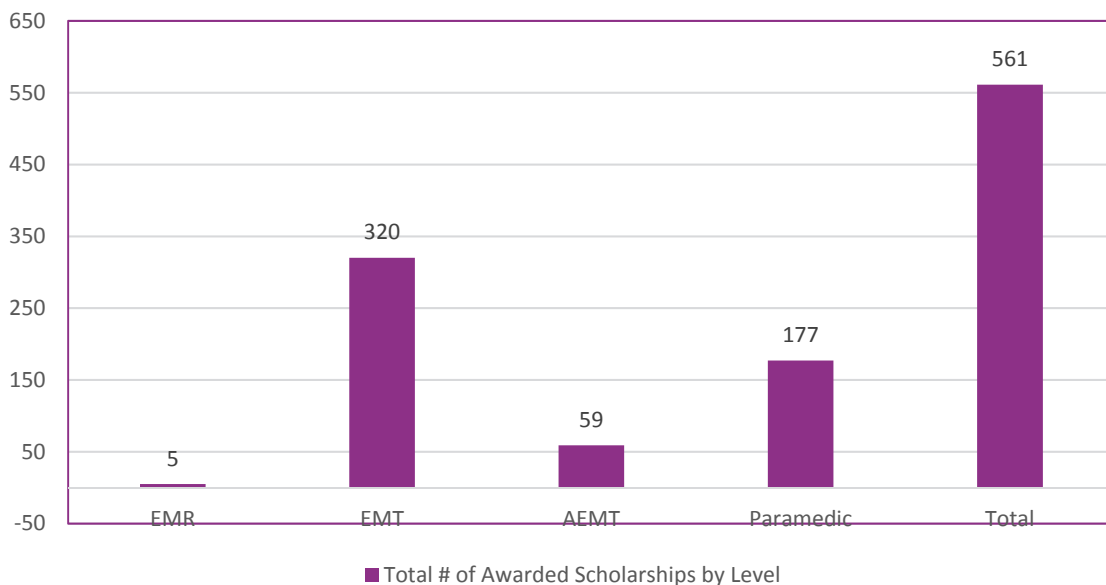
Total \$ of Pending Applications by Level



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 4, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

Total # of Awarded Scholarships by Level



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