

**Training and Certification Committee Minutes**  
**1041 Technology Park Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23059**  
**Wednesday, July 7, 2021 – 11:00 AM**

**Members Present**

R. Jason Ferguson, Chair  
 Brian McIntosh  
 Larry Oliver  
 William Akers  
 Charles Evans  
 Steve Moring  
 Matt Lawler  
 Bobby Lester

**Members Absent**

Chris Kroboth  
 Dr. Charles Lane

**Staff**

Debbie Akers  
 Chad Blosser  
 Gary Brown  
 Dr. George Lindbeck  
 Wanda Street  
 Chris Vernovai  
 Dave Edwards  
 Tim Perkins

**Virtual Attendees (General Public)**

Cathy Cockrell  
 Amanda Loreti  
 Daniel Linkins

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
<b>I. Welcome</b>	R. Jason Ferguson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.	
<b>II. Introductions</b>	Mr. Ferguson started meeting with introductions around the room.	
<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 April 07, 2021 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. Not much to report at this time. He appreciates everyone’s attendance.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Medical Direction Committee – Dr. George Lindbeck <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. CMS Guidelines for Billing – Dealing with VA Scope of Practice and billing for care. Determining proper billing from agencies that provide inter-facilities transports bill CMS.</li> <li>b. Impaired Provider Guidance – Policy from 2018 to allow EMS providers to re-enter workforce after drug/alcohol violation.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Committee Members: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Non-VCCS EMS Program – Steven Moring – Continuing to maintain and follow policies by OEMS and the Governor as it pertains to education.</li> <li>b. VCCS – Bill Akers – <i>Lots</i> of money (G3 Initiative) available for EMS education across the Commonwealth.</li> <li>c. VAVRS – Bobby Lester – There have been questions about when consolidated testing will restart and working through new computer system issues.</li> <li>d. Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Craig Evans – Regional Directors would like to discuss CTS and virtual learning later the meeting.</li> <li>e. EMSC – Vacant – No report.</li> <li>f. VAGEMSA – Larry Oliver – Nothing to report.</li> <li>g. Educators – Brian McIntosh – Nothing to report.</li> <li>h. EMS Advisory Board – Matt Lawler – Exposure Termination Tools – Provides great resources that educators can use in their courses.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>B. Office of EMS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Division of Accreditation, Certification &amp; Education (ACE) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Education Program Manager – Chad Blosser, OEMS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Virginia EMS Scholarship Program – Wrapped up FY21. \$1.397 million distributed, leaving the balance to return to RSAF. First year the program has exceed \$1 million distributed to the field for Paramedic level certification. Implementing a new agreement with a Regional EMS Council to take over the distribution of funds for FY22.</li> <li>ii. Education Coordinator Candidate Program – Institute in June at CVCC in Lynchburg; 28 new educators came on board following this institute. Continued problems with educators reading, interpreting and following TPAM policies and procedures.</li> <li>iii. Instructor Institute – Late September institute being held in NOVA; 30 people will be invited to the institute.</li> <li>iv. ACE staff have ramped up EC updates since most EC’s expire June 30, 2022. Seven (7) EC updates are posted to OEMS website. Planning EC/ALS-Coordinator email update planned for later this week/early next week.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>v. TPAM updated and posted to website with effective date July 01, 2021. Most updates to TPAM reflect removing references to CE cards and paper enrollment forms. Modifications to policy on CE program descriptions were made.</li> <li>b. ACE Division Director – Debbie Akers, OEMS – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. NEMSES Education Standards – Not sure why they have not been released. Removed any required numbers for any clinical field contacts that should be performed by BLS students. In some areas, providers under 18 were not well received for ride time and many programs were ignoring patient contacts and just allowing to take place in clinical setting and not in the field. Need to start thinking about how many patient contacts BLS providers need to have to show they gain competency skill for different level. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Craig asked about the draft for these policies and Debbie responded that they were not allowed to send the final document. Debbie stated when she receives an update when they will be released, this discussion will become more of a priority. Will have to modify the scope of practice procedures and formulary and National EMS Education Standards will be the requirements for their programs.</li> <li>b. Committee member asked if there has been any research to determine at what competency level there is at the EMT level. General consensus is that is hard to answer. It needs to be determined at what level are they producing competent providers to provide the need of agencies.</li> <li>c. Debbie states the TR-999 has been beneficial during the pandemic.</li> <li>d. A survey was suggested to get opinions to see where everyone stands.</li> </ul> </li> <li>ii. Virtual Instructor-Led Training (VILT) Program Policies – After last meeting, there were many people that wanted on the workgroup and was concerned about what number would be too many. Talked to NR, Distance CME (first approved 5 vendor in the nation), and post-secondary institutions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Many limited classes to no more than 30 when a great deal of engagement is required for their classes. After speaking with educators and medical directors, a document will go out Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, lifting the class limit for VILT. Limit will be up to the educator to document enrollment and how/when to award CE credit. Debbie encouraged EC's to meet with their EMS Physician and Advisory Board for the program. All VILT programs will still require a facilitator. She stated that if there are concerns and complaints, the burden of proof falls on the educators to present to the OEMS that they had measurement tools in place and how/where they determine to award CE.</li> <li>b. Craig asked if this was for CE only which Debbie answered it can be offered as the initial program, as well, as an option.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	d. Dr. Yee's resuscitation lab will be offered. Instructors for hands-on programs must bring their own equipment. e. Most classes offered will be lecture-based. f. Bob Page is offering an escape room and will offer a simulation class for educators about simulation. 6. Other Office Division Directors – No report.	
<b>VI. Committee Discussion Items</b>	None.	
<b>VII. Previous Business</b>		
<b>VIII. New Business</b>	None.	
<b>XI. Public Comment</b>	None.	
<b>X. Dates for 2021 Meetings</b>	A. Scheduled dates: 1. <del>January 6, 2021</del> 2. <del>April 7, 2021</del> 3. <del>July 7, 2021</del> 4. October 6, 2021	
<b>XI. Adjourn</b>	1. Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.	<b>Approved by consensus</b>

Respectfully submitted by: Crystal Cuffley  
 OEMS Staff Representative  
 July 07, 2021



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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 April 7, 2021**
- 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. National EMS Education Standards Update
          - i. Discussion of clinical/field contacts for 2020 NEMSES
        - b. Accreditation
        - c. National Registry Pass Rates
        - d. BLS Certification Testing
    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. Psychomotor Exam Workgroup Update – Chris Kroboth

**VII. Previous Business**

**VIII. New Business**

**IX. Public Comment**

**X. Quarterly Meetings**

**A. 2021 Quarterly Meetings**

1. ~~January 6, 2021~~ – Cancelled due to COVID-19
2. ~~April 7, 2021~~
3. July 7, 2021
4. October 6, 2021

**B. 2022 Quarterly Meetings**

1. January 5, 2022
2. April 6, 2022
3. July 6, 2022
4. October 5, 2022

**XI. Adjourn**

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## **Attachment A**

# **National Registry Statistics**



# EMT Statistics

## As of 07/05/2021

### Virginia:

**Report Date:** 7/5/2021 2:02:24 PM  
**Report Type:** State Report (VA)  
**Registration Level:** EMT  
**Course Completion Date:** 7/1/2018 to 6/30/2021  
**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
8398	71% (5963)	80% (6708)	80% (6747)	0% (6)	17% (1405)	3% (241)

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228495	68% (156109)	79% (181331)	80% (183064)	0% (259)	16% (37672)	3% (7564)

Individual Instructor Statistics are available on the OEMS webpage at the following link: <https://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 June 30, 2021



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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>Central Virginia Community College</i>	68006	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>ECPI University</i>	70017	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Initial	CoAEMSP
<i>Henrico County Division of Fire</i>	08718	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – LOR	
<i>J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College</i>	08709	No	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>John Tyler Community College</i>	04115	Yes	--	CoAEMSP - Initial	CoAEMSP
<i>Lord Fairfax Community College</i>	06903	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Loudoun County Fire &amp; Rescue</i>	10704	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Northern Virginia Community College</i>	05906	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Patrick 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 – Initial	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	1	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Stafford County &amp; Associates in Emergency Care</i>	15319	Yes	7	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Thomas Nelson Community College</i>	83012	Yes	2	CoAEMSP – LOR	
<i>Tidewater Community College</i>	81016	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>VCU School of Medicine Paramedic Program</i>	76011	Yes	5	CoAEMSP – 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.
- Chesterfield Fire and EMS are working on submission of their Letter of Review and LSSR.
- Hanover Fire and EMS are working on submission of their Letter of Review and LSSR.

**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, 2021
Augusta County Fire and Rescue	01521	Yes	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2021
Danville Training Center	69009	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2021
Fauquier County Fire & Rescue – Warrenton	06125	Yes	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2021
Frederick County Fire & Rescue	06906	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2021
Hampton Fire & EMS	83002	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2021
Hampton Roads Regional EMS Academy (HRREMSA)	74039	Yes	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2012
James City County Fire Rescue	83002	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2021
Newport News Fire Training	70007	Yes	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2021
Norfolk Fire and Rescue	71008	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2021
Paul D. Camp Community College	62003	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2021
Rockingham County Fire and Rescue	16536	Yes	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2021
Southwest Virginia EMS Council	52003	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2021
UVA Prehospital Program	54008	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2021
WVEMS – New River Valley Training Center	75004	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2021

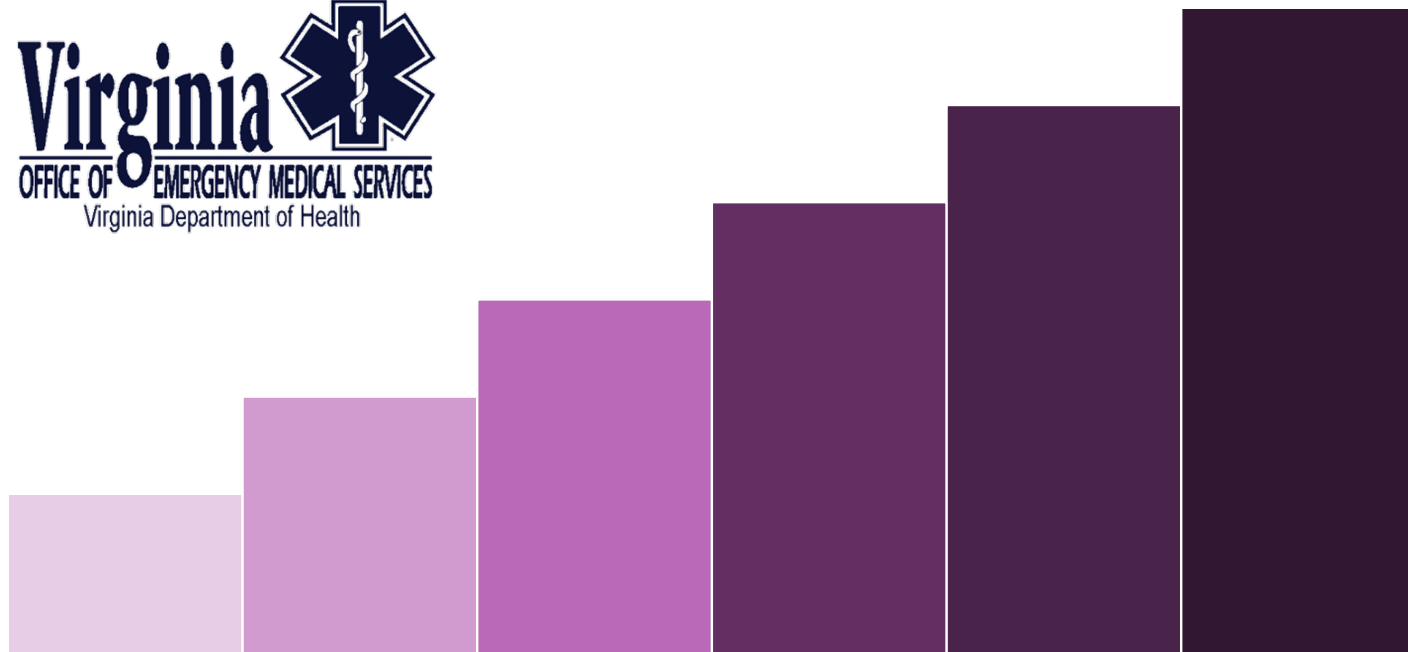
**Accredited EMT Training Programs in the Commonwealth**

<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Site Number</b>	<b># of Alternate Sites</b>	<b>Accreditation Status</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>
<b>Albemarle Co Dept of Fire</b>	54013	--	State – Letter of Review	December 31, 2021
<b>Arlington County Fire Training</b>	01305	--	State – Letter of Review	December 31, 2021
<b>Augusta County Fire and Rescue</b>	01521	--	State – Letter of Review	December 31, 2021
<b>City of Virginia Beach Fire and EMS</b>	81004	--	State – Full	December 31, 2021
<b>Chesterfield Fire &amp; EMS</b>	04103	--	State – Full	December 31, 2021
<b>Fairfax County Fire &amp; Rescue Dept.</b>	05918	--	State – Letter of Review	December 31, 2021
<b>Gloucester Volunteer Fire &amp; Rescue</b>	07302	--	State – Letter of Review	December 31, 2021
<b>Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire EMS</b>	71006	--	State – Full	December 31, 2021
<b>Roanoke Valley Regional Fire/EMS Training</b>	77505	--	State – Letter of Review	December 31, 2021

## **Attachment C**

# **Virginia EMS Scholarship Program Report**





# Quarterly Report

## Virginia EMS Scholarship Program

Full Year – 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.

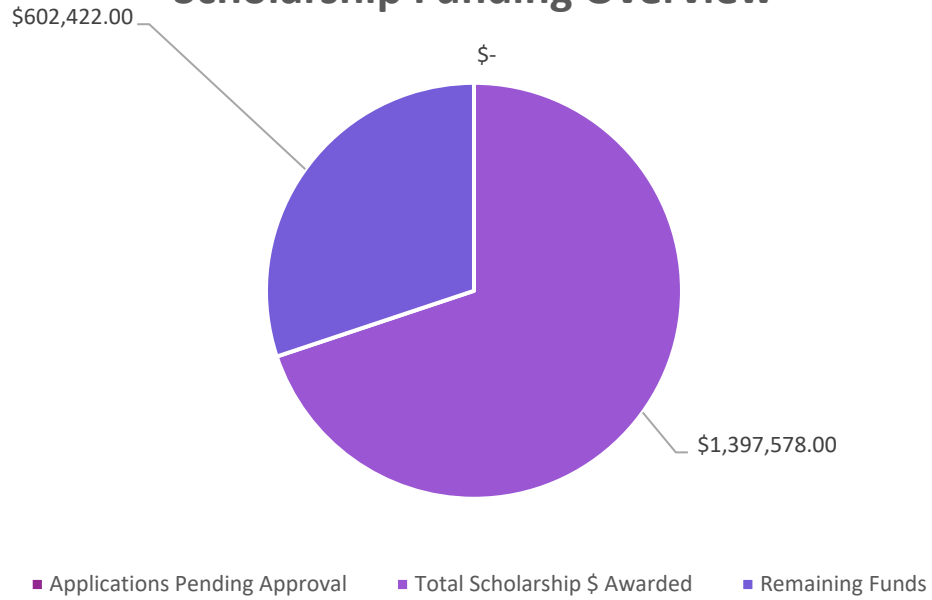
The scholarship program is not designed to provide 100% funding for a training program.

## 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, 2020 through May 31, 2021. This covers full fiscal year.
- **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.

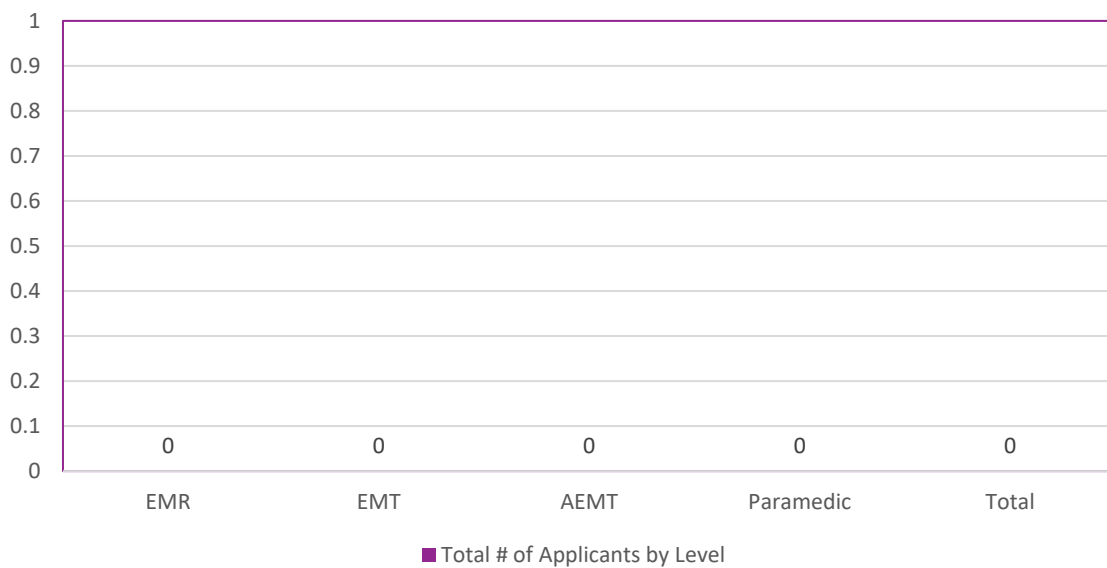
## Scholarship Funding Overview



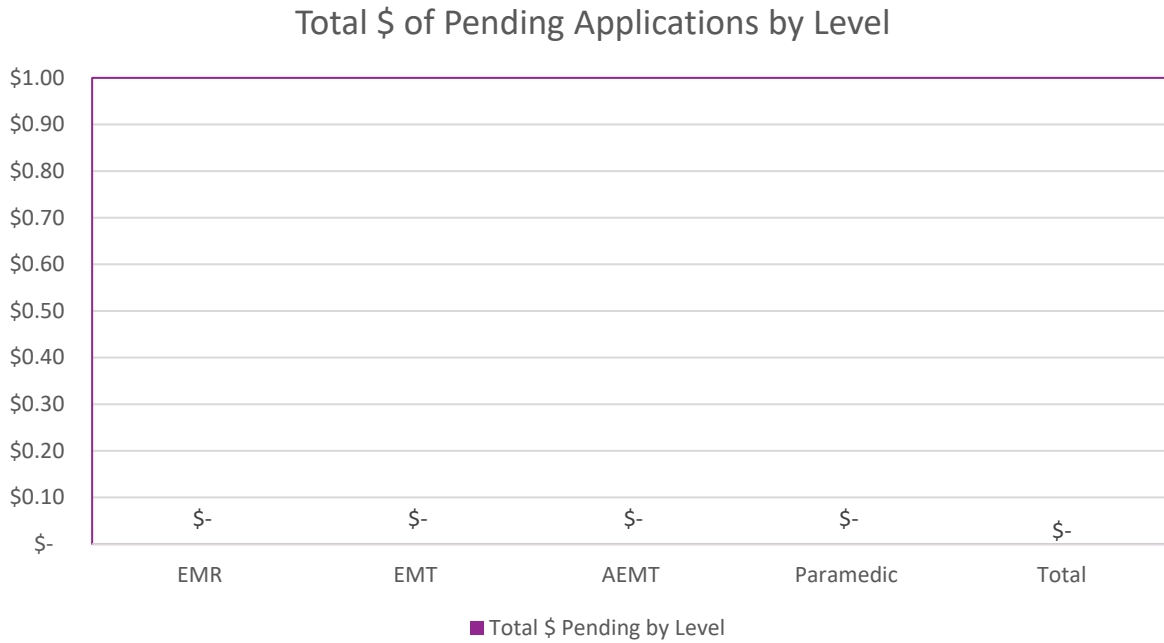
## Breakdown of Pending Applications

The following chart show of pending scholarship applications by training level. This includes all pending applications for students enrolled in eligible initial certification courses for the full year.

Total # of Pending Applicants by Level

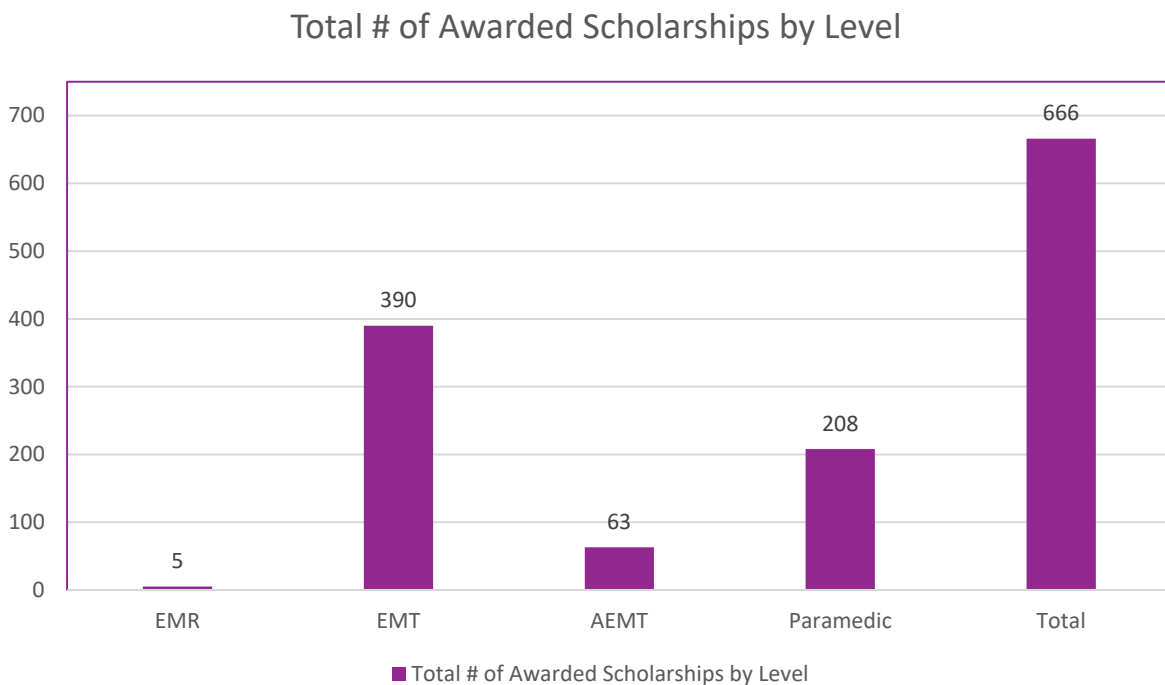


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## Breakdown of Awarded Scholarships

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 for the full year.



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Total \$ for Awarded Scholarships by Level

