

MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMITTEE
Office of Emergency Medical Services
Embassy Suites, 2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294
Thursday, April 6, 2023
10:30 AM

Members Present:

Allen Yee, M.D., Chair
 Stewart Martin, M.D.
 Charles Lane, M.D.
 John Morgan, M.D.
 Paul Phillips, D. O.
 Kayla Long, D.O.
 George Lindbeck, M.D.
 Scott Weir, M.D.
 Samuel Bartle, M.D.
 Asher Brand, M.D.

Members Absent:

E. Reed Smith, M.D.
 Tania White, M.D.
 Christopher Turnbull, M.D.
 Amir Louka M.D.
 Rahil Dharia, M.D.
 Chief Eddie Ferguson

Staff:

Scott Winston
 Chad Blosser
 Ron Passmore
 Jessica Rosner
 Jasper Williams
 Daisy Banta
 Melinda Carter
 Wanda Street
 Daniel Linkins
 Tim Perkins
 Chris Vernovai

Others:

Gary Critzer
 Peppy Winchel
 Michael Player
 Al Thompson
 Monty Dixon
 Greg Neiman
 Andrew Hartung
 Tim Fields
 Mike Watkins
 Paula Ferrada, M.D.
 Damien Coy

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
I. Welcome	Dr. Yee called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. A moment of silence was held in honor of recent fallen EMS and fire service members.	
II. Introductions	All attendees introduced themselves.	
III. Approval of Agenda	Approval of today's agenda.	Approved by consensus
IV. Approval of Minutes	Approval of the January 5, 2023 minutes. The minutes were approved.	Approved by consensus
V. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) & Board of Pharmacy (BOP) Compliance Issues – Dr. George Lindbeck	<p>Dr. Lindbeck stated that we have been waiting for the feds to release the regulations. Additionally, it is very evident that the hospital pharmacy community wants to get out of the business of drug exchanges for EMS. Ron Passmore was contacted by the head of the Virginia Hospital Pharmacist Association, and they want OEMS to set a deadline for the drug kit program. This is not OEMS' responsibility. It is up to the hospitals and the agencies.</p> <p>Ron Passmore stated that the Board of Pharmacy has created a 14-slide presentation geared to the EMS agency leadership. It is being revised so that it can be offered in the leadership track at symposium.</p>	
VI. Special Reports	None.	
VII. Old Business	<p>Workgroup Updates</p> <p>We were tasked with three workgroups: OMD nomenclature, term EMS Physician. Another workgroup is the use of APPs in the EMS environment which has not met yet. And the last workgroup will work with VHHA on the issues of diversion and wait times and a white paper was created and will go to the Advisory Board and then to</p>	

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	<p>the State Board of Health at their next meeting. CMS has issued findings on the situation in Northern Virginia which is twenty-four-pages.</p> <p>EMS Regulations The Regulations were approved last week to be brought to the Advisory Board in May. A progress report of the regulatory process has been posted on the OEMS website. The committee wanted to ensure that the changes recommended by the MDC were incorporated into the Regulations and asked about opportunities to add those changes if they are not included. Mr. Passmore explained the process and the opportunity for public comment. A motion was made by Dr. Brand that Dr. Yee deliver an editorial comment at the Advisory Board reflecting the frustrations of this committee with the Rules and Regulations Committee and how the process for approval and input from sub-committees was handled in reference to Chapter 32. Dr. Scott Weir offered a friendly amendment: Identify opportunities to improve coordination and communication between committees rather than voice our frustrations. The motion was seconded with the friendly amendment. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.</p> <p>Decedent Blood Dr. Charles Lane mentioned the decedent blood exposure process. Dr. Lindbeck stated that this situation is still complex but is an opportunity for the EMS Regional Councils. The committee discussed a standard consent form. Dr. Lindbeck will take the lead in finding out more on this. He will work with Karen Owens at OEMS. There needs to be a consistent regional approach.</p>	
VIII. New Business	<p>a. Airway Manikins and their anatomic infidelity – Dr. Asher Brand Dr. Brand mentioned the problems with teaching airway management on these expensive manikins which we cannot get their head up for proper airway. We are having trouble finding manikins to teach proper airway. Dr. Brand wants to take this to TCC for guidance and best practices. A letter from VDH might help.</p> <p>The next TCC and MDC meetings are July 12 and 13 due to the July 4th holiday. They were originally scheduled for July 5 and 6.</p> <p>b. Remote Participation for future meetings – Dr. John Morgan Dr. Morgan brought this to the committee for awareness and discussion. He feels that we are excluding members and the public when we require in-person attendance only at the meetings. Mohamad Abbamin stated that the electronic meeting policy draft must be approved by the Executive Committee and then the Advisory Board. Mohamad believes that this does not have to go to the State Board of Health for approval. The committee discussed the policy allowances. A motion was made that this committee support remote participation of members for future meetings. Dr. Weir seconded the motion.</p>	
IX. Research Requests	<p>OEMS Data Reports The committee should be using the robust data that the office has. Jessica Rosner gave a summary of EMS Call Data: type of service requested, patient dispositions, etc. The methodology that can be looked at are age</p>	

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	groupings. Other data that we were asked to pull were Chest Pain patients and Stroke patients. We can also pull Trauma Patient Data, Pain Data, Asthma, etc. The data is used to drive the goals of care.	
X. State OMD Issues – Dr. George Lindbeck		
	No report.	
XI. Office of EMS Reports		
	<p>a. Division of Accreditation, Certification and Education</p> <p>1. Education Program Manager – Chad Blosser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 724 educators in the system currently and there are 332 applications in the system of persons who are interested in becoming educators, with 37 who are eligible to attend the next Institute. The next Institute is being held Roanoke and another the end of June. • The National Registry is going to a scaled scoring method. • The next Advisory Board Meeting will be held on May 5. • The Division has hired a QA/QI staff overseen by five Supervisors as shown on the territory map displayed. • State travel has been an issue. If traveling more than 200 miles a cost benefit analysis will need to be done. This will determine if it more cost effective to rent a vehicle or drive your personal vehicle. If you choose to use your personal vehicle, you may be reimbursed at the lower mileage rate of .246 instead of .655. Chad has updated the worksheet form to be completed by the travelers. <p>2. Division Director – Debbie Akers Not present.</p> <p>c. Director – Gary Brown Not present.</p> <p>c. Asst. Director – Scott Winston Dr. Colin Greene was not confirmed as the State Health Commissioner during this past General Assembly session so Chris Lindsay, Chief Operating Officer, was interim leadership. It was announced this week that Dr. Parham Jaber is now the interim Health Commissioner. 2023 General Assembly session adjourned the end of February. The two legislative bills to recognize EMS as an Essential Service were passed and signed and will become effective July 1. Scott also mentioned two other bills. Susan McHenry, former OEMS Director before Gary, passed away in December and a memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 29 at Arcola Church in Dulles, VA. A couple of workgroups have been charged by the Executive Committee – Advisory Board Composition Workgroup and Bylaws Workgroup. The work of the Bylaws workgroup has been completed. The Composition Workgroup has reviewed the current composition and has submitted recommendations for approval. We also continue to work with the four Hybrid Regional Council offices: CSEMS, BREMS, REMS and SWVEMS Councils.</p>	

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	<p>d. Regulation & Compliance – Ron Passmore No report.</p> <p>e. Emergency Operations – Karen Owens No report.</p> <p>f. Community Health and Technical Resources – Tim Perkins EMS for Children has a new shipment of Child Restraint systems. Contact David Edwards at OEMS if you need these. Agencies are still inquiring about Standards of Excellence. Chris Vernovai stated that EMS Officer has been revised and added role play scenarios. Twelve to fourteen classes are scheduled this year.</p> <p>g. Trauma & Critical Care – Mindy Carter No report.</p>	
XII. PUBLIC COMMENT	Greg Neiman announced that the new VCU Children’s Hospital is scheduled to open on April 30 at 5 a.m. He worked with Tim to send out notices to the helicopter services of the open house scheduled for them on the week of the 17 th . He also sent out emails for Council Directors to send out to agencies for an open house April 20-21 for providers.	
XIII. Quarterly Meeting Dates for 2023	<p>April 6, 2023</p> <p>July 13, 2023</p> <p>October 5, 2023</p>	
XIV. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:42 p.m.	

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

Attachment A

Accreditation Report

Accredited Training Site Directory

As of April 1, 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.

CoAEMSP In-person Site Visit for Henrico County Division of Fire was conducted on February 16th and 17th. They are awaiting their findings letter and the program should be promoted to CAAHEP for approval.

CoAEMSP virtual Site Visit for Central Virginia Community College was conducted on March 20th and 21st. They are awaiting their findings letter and the program should be promoted to CAAHEP for approval.

J Sargeant Communiy in-person site visit is scheduled for June 12th and 13th.

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

EMSSP Report



Quarterly Report

Virginia EMS Scholarship Program

Third 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.

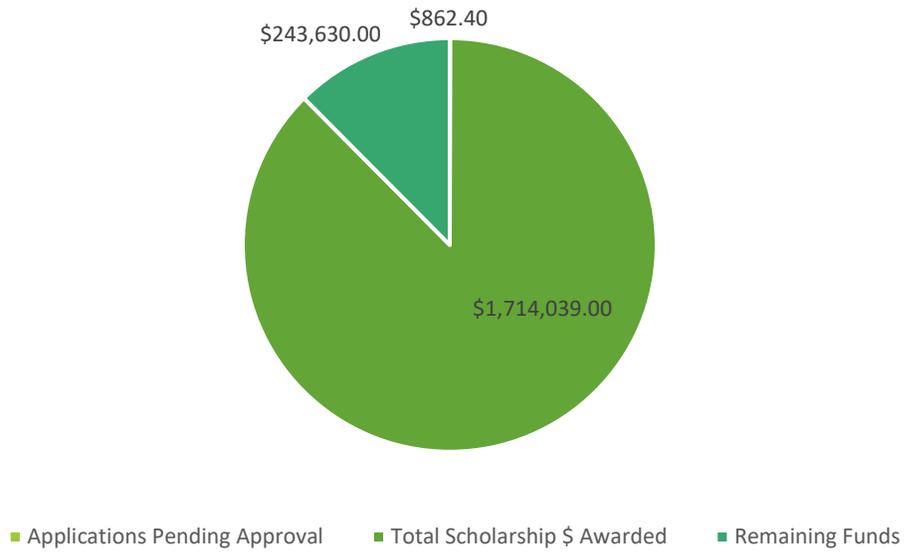
The scholarship program is not designed to provide 100% funding for a training program.

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.

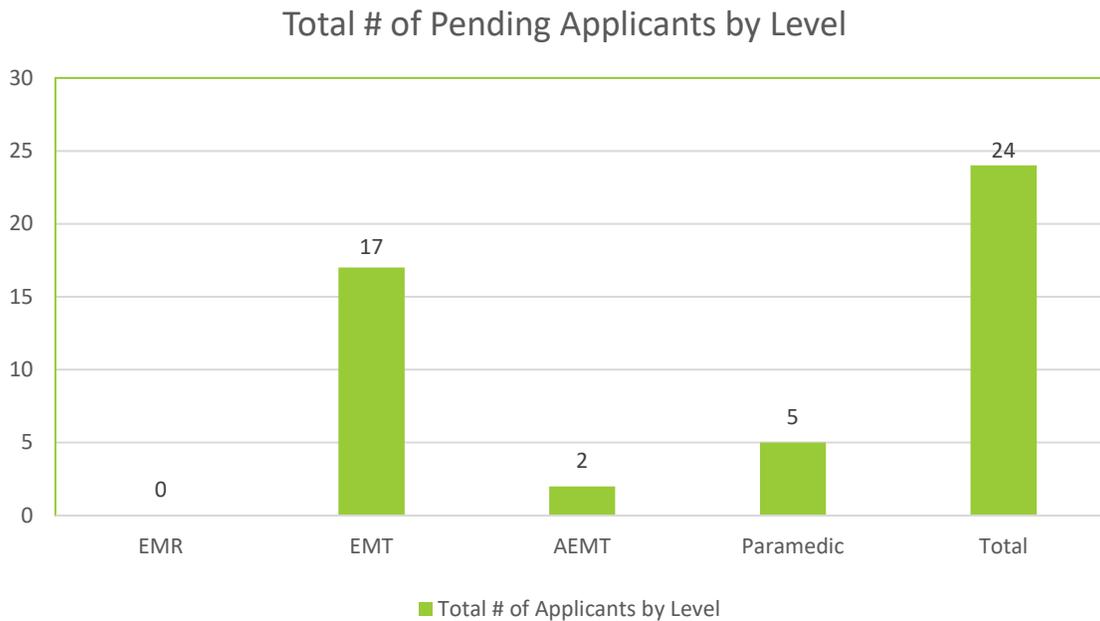
- **Application Pending Approval** – this category includes the total dollar value for all applications received through December 31, 2022. This covers Q1 & 2.
- **Total Scholarship \$ Awarded** – this category is the total dollar value for all scholarship applications which have been approved and are 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

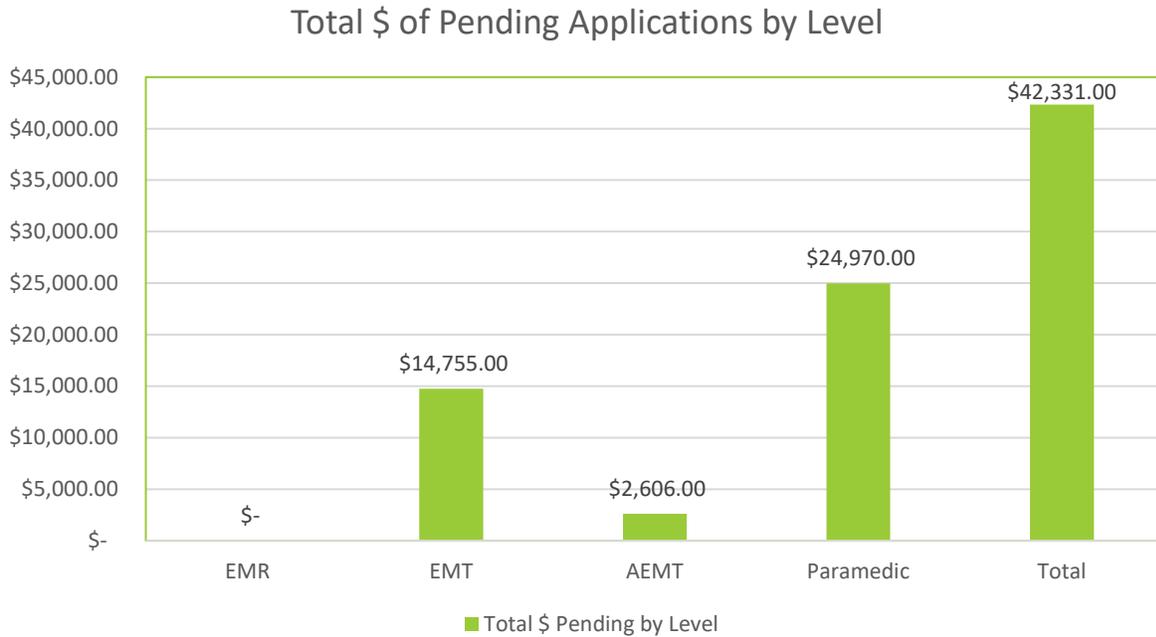


Breakdown of Pending Applications

The following chart shows pending scholarship applications by training level. This includes all pending applications for students enrolled in eligible initial certification courses from June 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

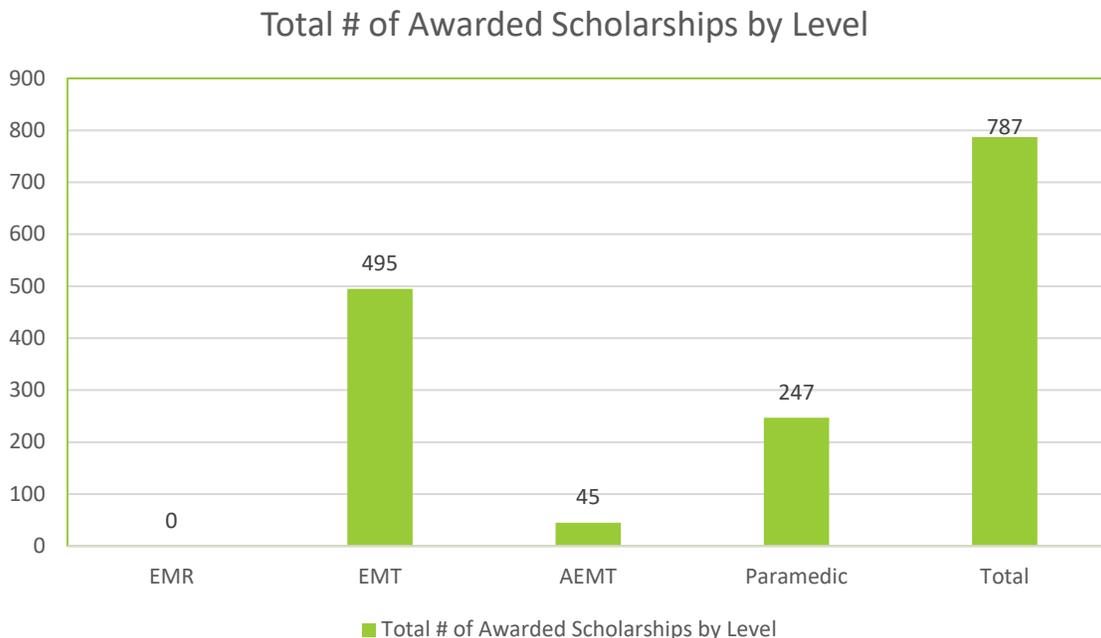


The following chart show of pending scholarship applications by training level. This includes all pending applications for students enrolled in eligible initial certification courses from June 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.



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 March 31, 2023.



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Total \$ for Awarded Scholarships by Level

