

**MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMITTEE**  
**Office of Emergency Medical Services**  
**Embassy Suites, 2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294**  
**Thursday, April 4, 2024**  
**10:30 AM**

**Members Present:**

Allen Yee, M.D., Chair  
Stewart Martin, M.D.  
Charles Lane, M.D.  
John Morgan, M. D.  
Amir Louka M.D.  
Kayla Long, D.O.  
George Lindbeck, M.D.  
Scott Weir, M.D.  
Asher Brand, M.D.  
Christopher Turnbull, M.D.  
Paul Phillips, D. O.  
E. Reed Smith, M.D.

**Members Absent:**

Benjamin Palachick, M.D.  
Tania White, M.D.  
Samuel Bartle, M.D.  
Chief Eddie Ferguson

**Staff:**

Rachel Stradling  
Frank Gresh  
Scott Winston  
Karen Owens  
Debbie Akers  
Wanda Street  
Michael Berg  
Jessica Rosner  
Karen Owens  
Ron Passmore  
Daniel Linkins  
Wayne Perry

**Others:**

Donna Galganski Pabst  
Matthew Snyder  
Brian McIntosh  
Melissa Doak  
Tom Breitbeil  
Gary Samuels  
Megan Middleton  
Brian Frankel  
Tarsha Robinson  
Melody Spivey  
Jessica Goodman  
Caroline Juran, BO Pharmacy  
Mike Watkins  
Peppy Winchel  
Monty Dixon  
Dr. Peter Vandersteenhoven  
Chris Judkins  
Brandi Van Bourgondien  
Greg Neiman  
Bubby Bish  
T. Wayne Hoover  
David Kissner  
Wayne Bowen  
Dr. Neha Sullivan  
Amy Ward  
Dave Johnston  
Zachary Barnes  
Ian Orensky  
Matthew Marry  
Josh Crawford  
Ryan Scarbrough  
Joanne Lapetina  
Robert G. Powell

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Staff:

Others:

Darrel Johnson  
John Diaz  
Vance Cooper

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
I. Welcome	Dr. Yee called the meeting to order at 10:29 a.m.	
II. Introductions	All attendees around the table introduced themselves.	
III. Approval of Agenda	Approval of today's agenda. <b>A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The agenda was approved.</b>	The agenda was approved as submitted.
IV. Approval of Minutes	Approval of the January 4, 2024, minutes. <b>A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The minutes were approved.</b>	The minutes were approved as submitted.
V. Special Presentation	a. <b>Blood Products and Identifying Jehovah's Witnesses – Mr. Darrel Johnson</b> Jehovah's Witnesses do not accept transfusions, whole blood, or blood products. This is a deeply held religious belief. How do EMS providers identify them? One of the ways is through their Advanced Medical Directive or Durable Do Not Resuscitate documents. Many of them wear medical ID bracelets or keychains. Dr. Brand stated that they have it in their protocols to look for a medical ID bracelet. Dr. Yee also stated that other programs have it in their protocols as well.	
VI. Special Report	a. <b>Quarterly Data Report – Jessica Rosner, OEMS Epidemiology</b> Not discussed during the meeting today. The report is on the OEMS website for review.	
VII. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) & Board of Pharmacy (BOP) Compliance Issues	a. <b>Pharmacy Issues that agencies are facing – Open Discussion</b> <b>Dr. Allen Yee and Caroline Juran, Executive Director, Virginia Board of Pharmacy</b> Dr. Yee created a PowerPoint to guide and frame the discussions. Dr. Yee stated that there are three (3) key issues: 1) Virginia BOP Regulations and the CSR Requirements in Virginia, 2) The FDA's Drug Supply Chain Security Act, and 3) Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2017.  <u>BOP Regulations and CSR Requirements</u> The committee discussed the need for CSRs and drug storage. They also discussed the meaning of "responsible party" as it pertains to stocking/restocking the drug box and administering drugs. For clarification, the "supervising practitioner" is the Medical Director, the responsible party will be a certified EMS provider at a minimum, and the person who has access to a closed kit can be any member of the organization. The discussion then continued to drug deliveries by UPS or FedEx and who would be there to secure the drugs. Clarification was needed on what an EMS vehicle is according to the BOP. OEMS refers to an EMS-licensed vehicle. Dr. Yee read the DEA's definition of an EMS vehicle. Can drugs be transported in non-licensed vehicles? The language needs to be cleaned up. For clarification, the "ultimate user" is the patient. An automated dispensing device (ADD) does not need a separate CSR. Multiple automated dispensing devices can go under the same CSR. Per Caroline,	

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	<p>An EMS Regional Council can hold a CSR, and the agencies under that Council can utilize that CSR. Can Virginia exempt Schedule 6 medications (IV Fluids) from the CSR requirement? Per Caroline, IV Fluids are included in the CSR. The committee discussed the costs of purchasing locking mechanisms and the use of alarms. Bubby Bish spoke on behalf of the volunteer agencies that are going to do BLS only due to the financial burden this has on the small agencies. There are about 20 Federal EMS agencies, and they are not subject to BOP regulations, only DEA.</p> <p><u>FDA's Drug Supply Chain Security Act of 2013</u> Track and trace of medication affects pharmacists and hospitals. Is the transfer of medication allowed for EMS under DSCSA? Yes. Enforcement begins November 27, 2024. What are the hospital system requirements under DSCSA? The committee discussed this as well as one-to-one exchanges. What are the record-keeping methods for EMS agencies? Per Dr. Yee, we must keep records of purchases, usage, and disposal. As for purchasing, where can EMS agencies purchase medicines? Bound Tree is a vendor that many agencies purchase from. Can EMS agencies purchase from the VHHA contract? Matthew Marry has a long-standing contract with Vizient. Regional EMS Councils and hospitals across the commonwealth can utilize this contract. They are working on simplifying the process for EMS agency use. Dr. Brand stated that he has started to see an opportunity for regionalization within all the parts and pieces of this. The committee discussed the possibility of the EMS Regional Councils being able to hold the CSR and transfer the drugs/medications to the EMS agencies in their regions.</p> <p><u>Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2017</u> Schedule 2-5 medications are used for pain management. DEA registrations/licenses are required, and the CSR will be needed first. The timeline is approximately two months to get the CSR and then another three to four months for the DEA license. We will be cutting it close to the November enforcement date. There is a May 2 BOP Regulations meeting per Caroline and we should wait until after that to have clear direction/guidelines. It will tell us who needs CSRs, under what circumstances if any, whether an alarm is required, etc. Mr. Hoover, of the audience, stated that he is unsure of what to tell his staff. He hasn't learned a thing at this meeting. Everyone was strongly encouraged to work with their Regional Councils. <b>A motion was made by Dr. Louka to have VFCA lead the liaison agencies, hospitals, pharmacies, regional councils, etc. The motion was seconded by Dr. Martin. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.</b> A workgroup has already been formed in which Chief Michael Player is the lead. VFCA will attend the next workgroup meeting.</p>	
VIII. Old/Unfinished Business	<p>a. <b>OMD Bill of Rights White Paper – Dr. Morgan, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Long, Chief Eddie Ferguson</b> The workgroup has completed a draft, working document outlining issues and protections for both the OMD and the medical quality review process in an agency. They are creating suggestions for best practices recognizing that many of these issues are complicated and involve HR issues. The draft will be sent out to the committee in advance of the July meeting, to be reviewed for discussion in July.</p>	

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<b>IX. New Business</b>	<p><b>a. TCC Report – Dr. Charles Lane and Mr. Brian McIntosh</b> There is an action item from TCC to change the CE according to the National Registry CE Requirement change effective October 2023. Brian McIntosh displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the new CE requirements. There will be both 2016 and 2025 certification levels. <b>A motion was made by Brian McIntosh to accept the CE requirements as submitted. The motion did not require a second. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.</b></p> <p><b>b. Motion about the future of EMS Symposium – Dr. Charles Lane</b> A motion was made yesterday at the TCC meeting to make the return of the symposium a priority. A proposed Resolution was read to the committee. <b>Dr. Lane made a motion to accept and support the resolution as read.</b> Dr. Yee suggested softening the language. <b>The motion does not require a second. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.</b></p>	
<b>X. Research Requests</b>	None.	
<b>XI. State OMD Issues – Dr. George Lindbeck</b>	None	
<b>XII. Office of EMS Division Reports</b>	<p><b>a) Division of Accreditation, Certification and Education – Debbie Akers</b> Debbie stated the division’s reports were on the OEMS website.</p> <p><b>b) All OEMS Divisions Report Summaries</b> Rachel Stradling, interim OEMS Director, introduced herself and stated that the Director position will be posted either today or tomorrow.</p>	
<b>XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	None.	
<b>XIV. Future Quarterly Meeting Dates</b>	<p>January 4, 2024 April 4, 2024 July 11, 2024 October 3, 2024</p>	
<b>XV. Adjournment</b>	The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.	

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

# Attachment A

## Accreditation Report

# Accredited Training Site Directory

As of April 1, 2024

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**Accredited Paramedic Training Programs in the Commonwealth**

Site Name	Site Number	BLS Accredited	# of Alternate Sites	Accreditation Status	Expiration Date
Blue Ridge Community College	79005	Yes	--	CoAEMSP - LOR	
Brightpoint Community College	04115	Yes	--	CoAEMSP - Initial	<b>CoAEMSP</b>
Central Virginia Community College	68006	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	<b>CoAEMSP</b>
Chesterfield Fire and EMS	04103	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – LOR	
ECPI University	70017	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Initial	<b>CoAEMSP</b>
Germanna Community College	13720	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – LOR	
Hanover Fire EMS Training	08533	Yes	--	CoAEMSP - LOR	
Henrico County Division of Fire	08718	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – LOR	
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College	08709	No	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	<b>CoAEMSP</b>
Laurel Ridge Community College	06903	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	<b>CoAEMSP</b>
Loudoun County Fire & Rescue	10704	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	<b>CoAEMSP</b>
Newport News Fire Department	600975	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – LOR	
Northern Virginia Community College	05906	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	<b>CoAEMSP</b>
Patrick and Henry Community College	08908	No	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	<b>CoAEMSP</b>
Piedmont Virginia Community College	54006	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	<b>CoAEMSP</b>
Prince William County Dept. of Fire and Rescue	15312	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Inactive	<b>CoAEMSP</b>
Radford University Carilion	77007	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	<b>CoAEMSP</b>
Rappahannock Community College	11903	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Initial	<b>CoAEMSP</b>
Southside Virginia Community College	18507	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	<b>CoAEMSP</b>
Southwest Virginia Community College	11709	Yes	3	CoAEMSP – Continuing	<b>CoAEMSP</b>
Stafford County & Associates in Emergency Care	15319	Yes	11	CoAEMSP – Continuing	<b>CoAEMSP</b>
Tidewater Community College	81016	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Continuing	<b>CoAEMSP</b>
VCU Health System Authority	76011	Yes	7	CoAEMSP – Continuing	<b>CoAEMSP</b>
<b>Virginia Peninsula Community College</b>	<b>83012</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>CoAEMSP – Initial</b>	

Programs accredited at the Paramedic level may also offer instruction at AEMT, EMT, and EMR, as well as teaching continuing education and auxiliary courses.

Radford University Carilion CoAEMSP Reaccreditation Site Visit is scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and will be conducted virtually.  
 Rappahannock Community College CoAEMSP Reaccreditation Site Visit is schedule for April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.



**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, 2024
Augusta County Fire and Rescue	01521	Yes	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2024
City of Virginia Beach Department of EMS	81004	Yes	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2024
Danville Training Center	69009	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2024
Fauquier County Fire & Rescue – Warrenton	06125	Yes	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2024
Frederick County Fire & Rescue	06906	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2024
Hampton Fire & EMS	83002	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2024
Hampton Roads Regional EMS Academy (HRREMSA)	74039	Yes	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2024
James City County Fire Rescue	83002	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2024
King George Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services	09910	No	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2024
Norfolk Fire and Rescue	71008	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2024
Northern Neck Advanced EMS Education Alliance	19318	No	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2024
Paul D. Camp Community College	62003	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2024
Richmond Ambulance Authority	76031	No	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2024
Rockingham County Fire and Rescue	16536	Yes	--	State – LOR	December 31, 2024
Southwest Virginia EMS Council	52003	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2024
UVA Prehospital Program	54008	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2024
WVEMS – New River Valley Training Center	75004	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2024

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
<b>Albemarle Co Dept of Fire</b>	54013	--	State – Letter of Review	<b>December 31, 2024</b>
<b>Arlington County Fire Training</b>	01305	--	State – Letter of Review	<b>December 31, 2024</b>
<b>Fairfax County Fire &amp; Rescue Dept.</b>	05918	--	State – Letter of Review	<b>December 31, 2024</b>
<b>Gloucester Volunteer Fire &amp; Rescue</b>	07302	--	State – Letter of Review	<b>December 31, 2024</b>
<b>Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire EMS</b>	71006	--	State – Full	<b>December 31, 2024</b>
<b>Roanoke Valley Regional Fire/EMS Training</b>	77505	--	State – Letter of Review	<b>December 31, 2024</b>
<b>Spotsylvania County Fire &amp; Rescue</b>	<b>63010</b>	--	<b>State – Letter of Review</b>	<b>December 31, 2024</b>

# Attachment B

## EMSSP Report

# Virginia EMS Scholarship Program

Third Quarter Report

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Virginia Department of Health

Office of Emergency Medical Services | April 2024

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## 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.

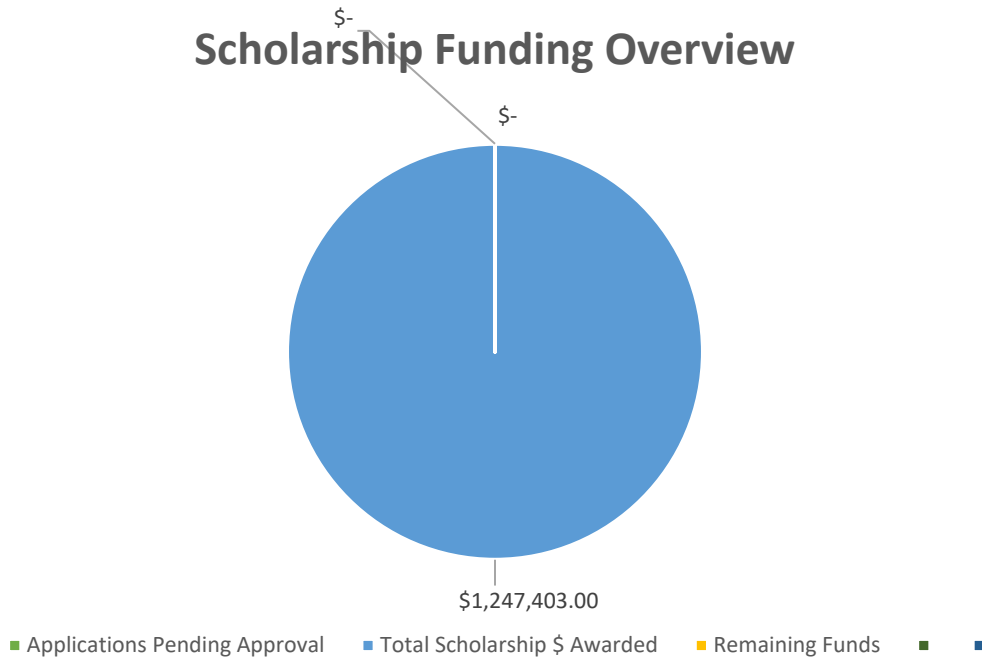
## FY24 Scholarship Budget

The FY24 budget for the Virginia EMS Scholarship Program is \$1,300,000.00. The following chart shows a breakdown of funding based on three (3) categories:

- 1) Applications Pending Approval
- 2) Total Scholarship \$ Awarded
- 3) Remaining Funds

- **Application Pending Approval** – this category includes the total dollar value for all applications received through March 31, 2024. This covers Q3.
- **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.

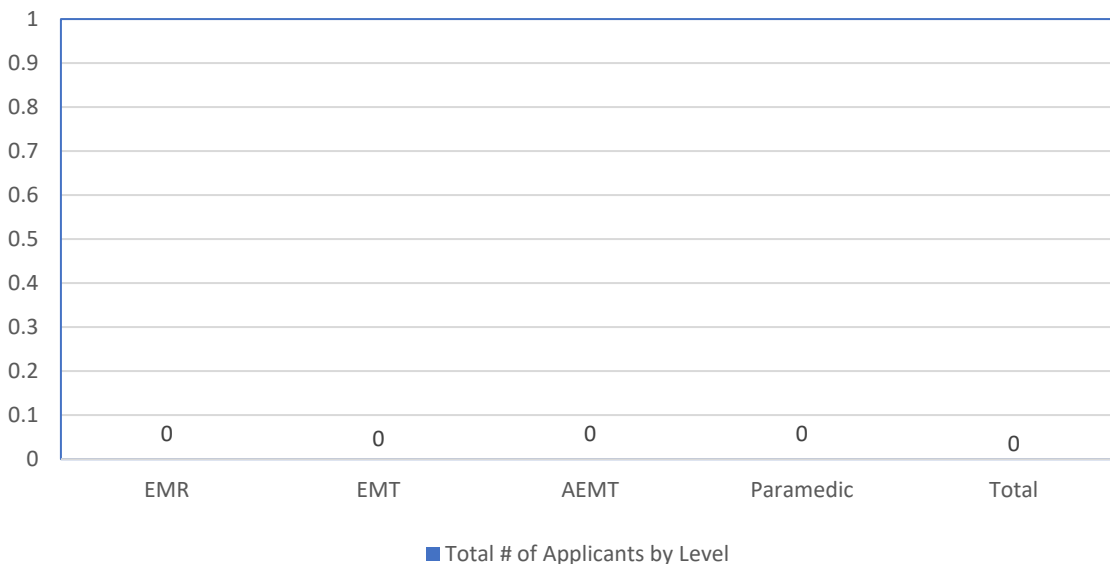
## Scholarship Funding Overview



## Breakdown of Pending Applications

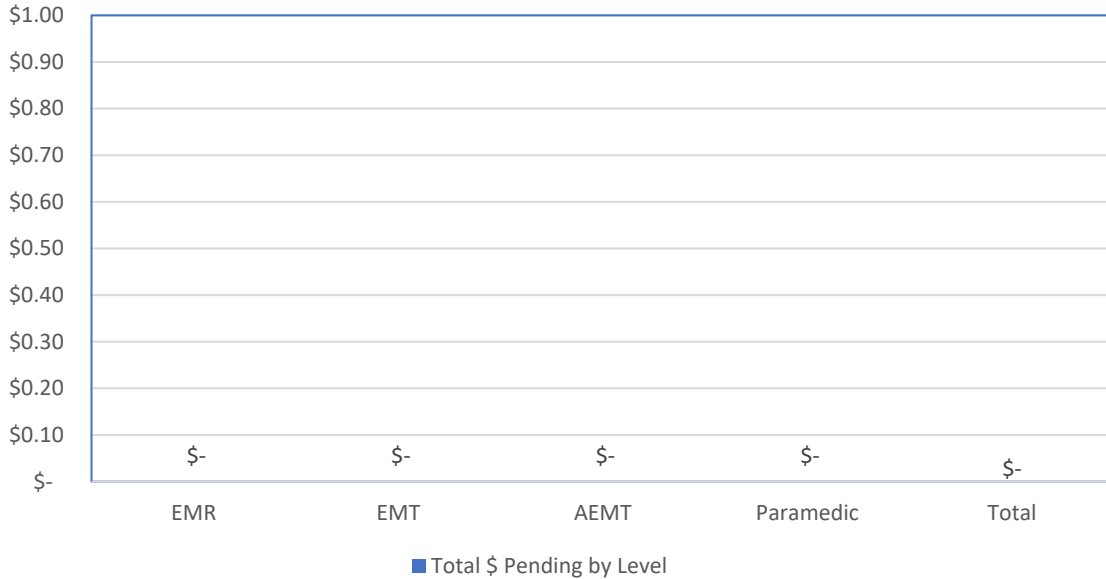
The following chart show of pending scholarship applications by training level. This includes all pending applications for students enrolled in eligible initial certification courses from June 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

Total # of Pending Applicants by Level



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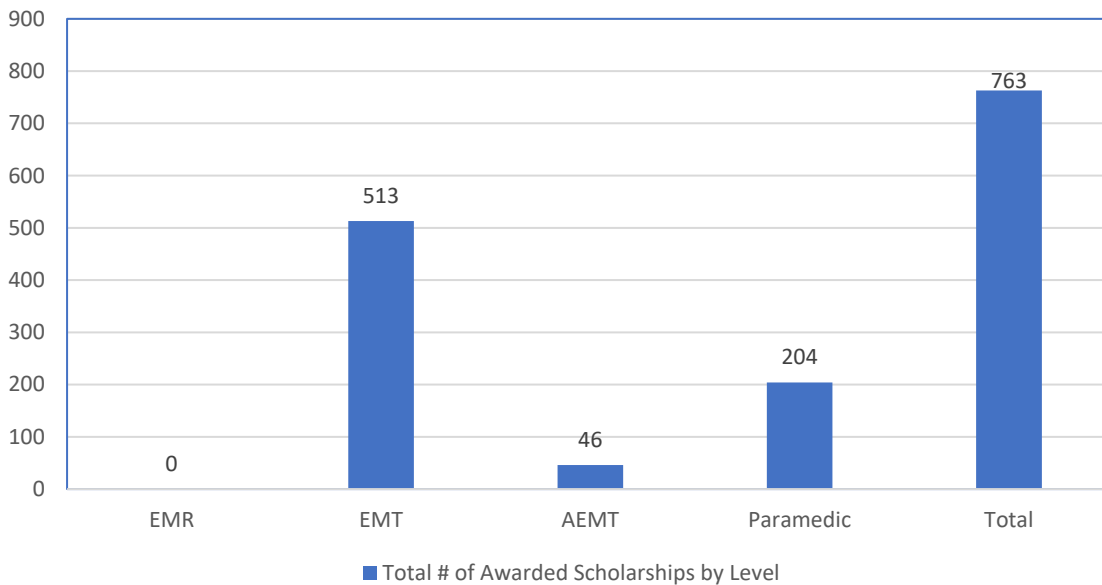
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## Breakdown of Awarded Scholarships

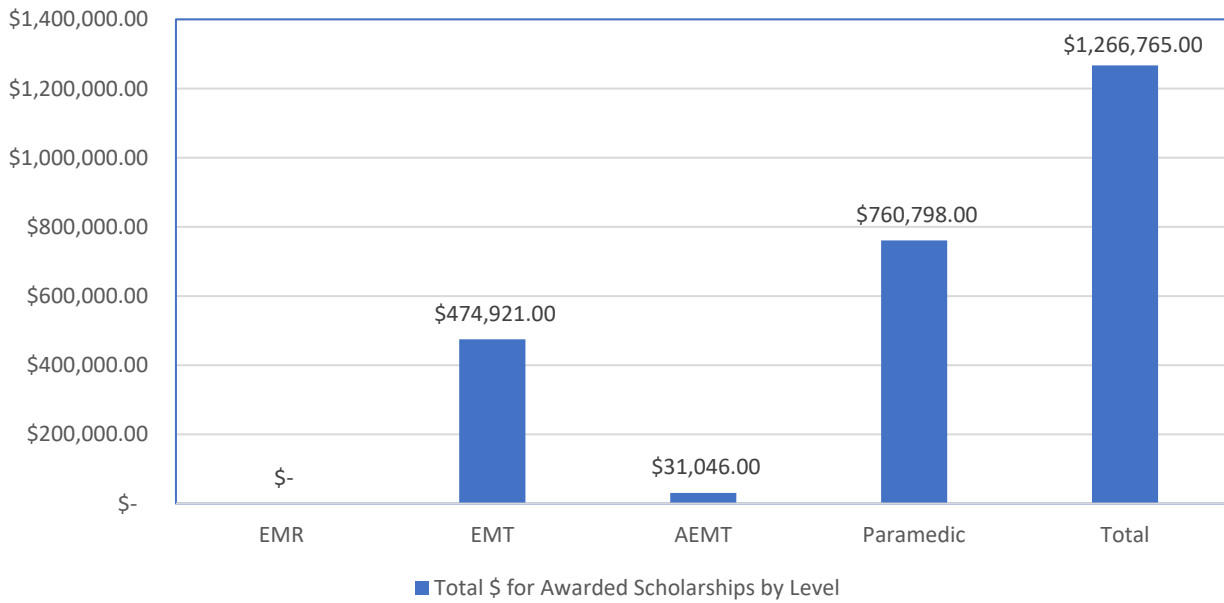
The following chart shows data for all scholarship applications which have been awarded by training level. This includes all awarded applications for students enrolled in eligible initial certification courses from June 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

Total # of Awarded Scholarships by Level



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Total \$ for Awarded Scholarships by Level





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