



EMMCO WEST EMS SCHOLARSHIP – GENERAL GUIDELINES

Thank you for your interest in the EMS Scholarship program, intended to assist agencies in the EMMCO West region to obtain EMS trained personnel. Overall the goal of this program is to address the personnel shortage that is plaguing EMS. With tuition and fees for certification programs on the rise, lessening a financial burden on an agency is one piece associated with tackling the EMS crisis. The scholarship program will assist with costs associated with certified programs for Emergency Medical Responders (EMR), Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMT) and Paramedics. Costs that are eligible for reimbursement include tuition, textbooks, lab fees, immunizations, criminal history check, and up to two attempts (per student) at the National Registry cognitive examination.

This program is funded by the Rural Education Fund which was established with Act 93 of 2020. This Act directs the Department of Health to allocate 30% of the EMS allocation to the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund (EMSOF), to provide training to underserved rural areas of the Commonwealth.

What are you responsible for as the recipient of the scholarship?

- You must be a minimum of 16 at the time of completing this application.
- You must have a permanent residence located within the EMMCO West region, and reside in a rural school district as required by Act 93 of 2020. Please visit our website at www.emmco.org/education/scholarships to view a list of school districts in the regions that are designated as urban. Should you reside in an urban school district, you will not be eligible for a scholarship.
- The applicant must be a member/employee of a licensed PA Department of Health EMS agency within the EMMCO West region. You will need to work with the agency's project director to ensure that all paperwork is completed in a timely fashion.
- The applicant must complete the necessary paperwork including the application and contract. The agency must submit these forms, along with those required from the agency.
- If under 18, the application and contract must have a parent/guardian signature included.
- You must successfully complete the EMS educational certification program, or be responsible for the related conditions expressed in the contract.
- You must adhere to the contractual stipulations of the scholarship program during and following the educational program.
- You must participate in any required psychomotor and cognitive exams at the conclusion of the class.
- You are required to participation in post scholarship program quality assurance.

Maximum Allowable Reimbursement Amounts:

- EMR - tuition and fees up to \$700.00, and testing reimbursement of \$85.00 each exam (up to two)
- EMT - tuition and fees up to \$850.00, testing reimbursement of \$98.00 each exam (up to two)
- AEMT - tuition and fees up to \$1,000.00, testing reimbursement of \$136.00 each exam (up to two)
- Paramedic - tuition and fees up to \$6,000.00, testing reimbursement of \$150.00 each exam (up to two)