



2025 EMS Workforce Grant Application Guidance

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Grant Introduction

Welcome to the Michigan Center for Rural Health (MCRH) paramedic scholarship application portal.

MCRH is excited to provide this grant funded EMS workforce scholarship to aspiring paramedics across rural regions of Michigan. This scholarship fund will cover the cost of paramedic initial education for our rural Michigan EMS students, especially those encountering education barriers and/or challenges. There is a shortage of paramedic providers across the state and these grant funds will help alleviate the workforce shortage in rural Michigan communities.

The EMS workforce paramedic scholarship application offers two tracks.

Track 1: This scholarship track will provide up to \$20,000 in student tuition (books and fees can be included) to attend the approved initial paramedic education program of choice (EMS agencies and colleges qualify).

Track 2: This scholarship track offers reimbursement for the time spent in EMS training programs, at a rate of \$15/hour, to a maximum of \$16,000 per student. (EMS agencies qualify).

Everyone interested in attending a Michigan approved initial paramedic education program is encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to the following categories:

- EMS professionals serving rural Michigan census tract communities
- Single parents with a desire to serve as a paramedic
- Women with a desire to serve as a paramedic
- Racial and ethnic minorities with a desire to serve as a paramedic
- Veterans with a desire to serve as a paramedic

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The institution receiving the scholarship funds must apply for the scholarship amount on behalf of the student. Funding will only be distributed to initial education paramedic programs and licensed Michigan EMS agencies.



The grant funded period is October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025.



Applicant Institution Terms

The applicant institution agrees to the following grant scholarship terms:

- The application is to be submitted by the institution receiving the grant funds, on behalf of the applicant scholar.
- The applicant must represent an initial paramedic education program or a licensed Michigan EMS agency.
- The applicant understands to qualify for paramedic student hourly reimbursement they must be an EMS agency employer.
- The applicant understands the recipient(s) of this scholarship must agree to practice paramedicine in Michigan for at least two years following the scholarship award. By signing the application agreement, the filing institution attests to this.
- The applicant understands that the student receiving the scholarship funds must adhere to the terms set forth by the applicant institution.
- The applicant institution understands the scholarship recipient is expected to remain in good standing for the course of the initial education program. The institution providing the scholarship funds must create and provide a written signed agreement with the student outlining the expectation of scholarship fund repayment to the filing institution should the student not complete the program.
- The applicant institution understands to receive grant funds proof of the scholarship recipient paramedic initial education program enrollment is required on or before September 30, 2024.
- The applicant institution agrees to report out to MCRH on the required grant reporting outcomes.

Main Application Fields Found in the Grant Application Portal



All applicants must complete the application information below. This application is competitive. Only completed scholarship applications will be considered. All scholarship award applications will be reviewed and scored by the MCRH review committee.

Q1: Please select the scholarship award track(s) you are applying for:

- Track 1: Paramedic initial education scholarship covering tuition and fees (maximum request per student \$20K). Any funding of physical items must be directly related to students in a program (i.e. uniforms, books, etc.)**
- Track 2: Hourly reimbursement for time spent in EMS initial education training program (rate \$15 per hour with a maximum of \$16K per student)**

Q2: Download EMS workforce budget application (you will upload application to Qualtrics)

Q3: Upload your budget application here.

Q4: Please provide the first and last name of the filing institution representative

Q5: Please provide your job title:

Q6: Complete mailing address of the filing institution

Q7: Filing institution representative contact email

Q8: Filing institution representative contact phone number

Q9: Student scholarship recipient applicant first name

Q10: Student scholarship recipient applicant last name

Q11: Please select all that apply:

- I currently work as a first responder in a rural census tract community**
- I'm currently a single parent**
- I am a woman**
- I qualify as a racial/ethnic minority**
- I am a veteran**

Q12: Student scholarship recipient applicant mailing address

Q13: Student scholarship recipient applicant contact email



Q14: Student scholarship recipient applicant contact phone number

Q15: The student scholarship recipient applicant serves a rural Michigan census tract area as a first responder: Yes/No

Q16: Please provide the Michigan county the student scholarship recipient applicant serves (works in) as a first responder.

Q17: Please provide the name and address of the student scholarship recipient applicant's EMS employer

Q18: Please select the current EMS license status of the student scholarship recipient and provide the applicants Michigan license number for verification.

Q19: Please provide the student scholarship recipient applicants years of service as an active EMT-basic. (if none, enter "none")

Q20: Please provide the name and address of the initial paramedic education program the student scholarship recipient applicant plans to attend or is currently attending

Q21: Please provide the chosen initial paramedic education program director contact information

Q22: Please provide the start date of the paramedic initial education program the student scholarship recipient applicant plans to attend or is currently attending.

Q23: Please upload the filing institutions written signed agreement outlining the student scholarship recipient applicant fund repayment policy and procedure should the student not complete the paramedic initial education program.

Q24: Student scholarship recipient applicant essay: Please tell us why you've chosen the career field of EMS. What will be your legacy as a practicing paramedic? (MCRH anticipates that quality applicants will have a character limit between 2,000 - 3,000, the maximum limit is 3,500)

By signing below, you agree to adhere to the EMS workforce grant scholarship requirements and attest that all information provided is accurate, truthful and the student scholarship recipient is aware of this application being filed on their behalf.

Signature of the filing institution representative is required.

Be sure to review the application before moving forward. The forward arrow submits the application.