

Frequently Asked Questions



EMS Education and Training Scholarships in Texas



Background

To support the field of emergency medical services (EMS), the Texas Legislature is providing \$21.7 million to distribute towards the funding of [EMS education and retention](#).

Scholarships are provided by DSHS to approved EMS education programs or licensed EMS providers.

Scholarships are available based on documented need, with special attention given to rural and underserved areas within Texas. Courses can be in-person, online, or hybrid.

Students

Q: Where can I obtain information about EMS training scholarships that are available in my area of the state?

A: Use [this map](#) to identify the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) that serves your county and contact them to request information about available EMS scholarships in your area.

Q: What can be paid for using scholarship funds?

A: Scholarship funds can be used towards your education, education material and the ability to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) examination for the first time only.

Q: What cannot be paid for using scholarship funds?

A: Scholarship funds cannot be used towards your student uniform, lab coat, required equipment, etc. or towards your state certification.

Q: Can I receive education to move from Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) to Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) consecutively, and receive funding?

A: Yes.





Students (Cont.)

Q: What happens to my tuition or any remaining balance if the education program closes without notice and I cannot finish my course? Who do I contact for help?

A: You can contact the [Regional Advisory Council](#) that processed the scholarship or the [EMS-Trauma Systems Unit](#) for assistance with completing the scholarship requirements.

Q: I have one year left on my volunteer/employment obligation in this program. I accept another job offer with an out-of-state ambulance. What happens?

A: Contact the [Regional Advisory Council](#) office or the [EMS-Trauma Systems Unit](#). Funding will need to be returned to the sponsoring agency or entity.



Education Programs

Q: How will programs be able to use awarded incentives? Are there any restrictions or must it go towards direct costs?

A: There are no restrictions on how an EMS Education program uses the awarded incentives.

Q: Does the funding for one National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) examination include funding for psychomotor (skills) testing at the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) and paramedic level?

A: Yes, this includes one skills exam session.

EMS Providers

Q: May time employed or volunteering with my local fire department on the fire truck or rescue unit count toward the volunteer or employment obligation?

A: You may only count time volunteering or employed on a Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) [licensed ambulance](#).



Q: What happens if someone becomes injured on or off the job and cannot complete the obligation to volunteer or work on an ambulance?

A: You may extend the requirement time until they are able to work. If they are unable to work, contact the [Regional Advisory Office](#) that processed the scholarship for assistance.

Q: What happens if a scholarship recipient has not fulfilled their volunteer or employment obligation and accepts a job offer with an out-of-state ambulance service?

A: Contact the [Regional Advisory Council](#) office or the [EMS-Trauma Systems Unit](#); funding will need to be returned to the sponsoring agency or entity.

Regional Advisory Councils (RACs)



Q: Who is eligible for the funding?

A: All education programs and/or EMS providers currently [licensed by DSHS](#).

Q: May time employed or volunteering with a local fire department on the fire truck or rescue unit count toward the volunteer or employment obligation?

A: No. Funds can only be distributed to DSHS approved education programs and/or EMS providers for the benefit of students participating in the scholarship program.

Q: What happens to scholarship funds if a student does not complete the education program?

A: The EMS education program that received the scholarship can redistribute the funds to additional EMS education resources or participants if the initial recipient cannot complete the process. Please contact the [EMS-Trauma Systems Unit](#) for questions.

Q: What happens with collected funds?

A: The Education Provider or the EMS Provider can redistribute the funds to additional EMS education resources or participants if the initial recipient cannot complete the process. Please contact the EMS-Trauma Systems Unit for questions.