

The Texas Workforce Commission Emergency Medical Response Service Staffing Program

Frequently Asked Questions

EMS Providers (Grantees)

Q: Who is eligible to receive grant funding?

A: Any Department of State Health Services (DSHS)-approved emergency medical services (EMS) provider is eligible. An up-to-date database of licensed DSHS EMS providers can be found on the [DSHS website](#).

Q: May funding go to an individual student directly?

A: No. Funds can only be distributed to DSHS-approved EMS providers for the benefit of students participating in the scholarship program.

Q: May funding go to an EMS education provider directly?

A: No. Funds can only be distributed to DSHS-approved EMS providers, who are then responsible for making tuition payments to the education providers.

Q: How do I submit my grant application?

A: Submit your completed grant application via email to EMSapplications@twc.texas.gov. Please refer to the grant application document for detailed instructions. Only complete applications from eligible entities will be considered for funding.

Q: When is the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) receiving grant applications?

A: TWC will accept applications on a rolling basis, with applications open for two months, then closed for one month for grant application reviews and grantee selection. Please see the schedule below:

Open for applications	Closed for grantee selection
March 1–April 30, 2026	May 1–May 31, 2026
June 1–July 31, 2026	August–August 31, 2026
September 1–October 31, 2026	November 1–November 30, 2026
December 1, 2026–January 31, 2027	February 1–February 28, 2027

Q: What courses can be covered with grant funding?

A: TWC will cover courses for emergency medical technician (EMT) basic, EMT advanced, and EMT paramedic. EMS providers must select courses approved by DSHS. An up-to-date list of DSHS-approved programs can be found on the [DSHS website](#).

Q: What happens after the grant application is submitted?

A: After TWC receives the complete grant application package, TWC will review your eligibility and whether your application is complete. You will receive an email about your approval or denial status within 10 business days. Please note that a grant approval notification indicates that a grant will be awarded **after** the open application window is closed.

Q: How will TWC select its grantees?

A: TWC will first evaluate grant applications for completeness and for the entity's eligibility (that is, DSHS licensing). All incomplete or ineligible applications will be rejected, and the applicant will be notified.

All remaining eligible and complete applications will be prioritized by counties of EMS coverage. EMS providers serving rural or underserved counties will be prioritized. Funding will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds are exhausted.

Q: What happens if a participant drops out AFTER they have begun an EMS course?

A: If a participant begins an EMS course but subsequently withdraws or fails to complete the program, the tuition funds allocated for that participant will be considered earned by the EMS education provider, and no refund to TWC will be required from the grantee.

Q: What happens if a participant drops out BEFORE they have begun their EMS course?

A: The grantee must contact TWC. If a participant is awarded a scholarship but does not begin the EMS course, the grantee has the two following options:

- Amendment: Substitutions are subject to TWC and EMS education-provider approvals. The grantee may work with their TWC grant specialist to amend the grant agreement and substitute a new, eligible

participant in place of the original participant. The new participant must be enrolled in the same course level (basic, advanced, or paramedic) as the original participant.

- Refund: If the grantee is unable to substitute a new participant within 60 days of the course start date, the tuition funds allocated for the original participant must be refunded to TWC.

Prospective Students

Q: I am interested in participating as an EMS basic-level trainee. How do I get started?

A: You must reach out to an eligible EMS provider to find out if they are recruiting basic-level trainees. An up-to-date database of licensed DSHS EMS providers can be found on the [DSHS website](#).

Q: Can I apply directly to TWC?

A: No. An eligible EMS provider must apply to TWC on your behalf.

EMS Education Programs/Schools

Q: Who is responsible for making tuition payments for scholarship recipients?

A: The grantee (in this case, the EMS provider) is responsible for managing all tuition payments. TWC will not directly pay the EMS education program under this grant program.