

Arkansas Ambulance Association Scholarship Program Information

The Arkansas Ambulance Association, through the support of its member organizations, industry partners, valued contributors and other fund raising programs, have provided educational assistance to numerous EMT and Paramedic students across our state in the past several years.

Scholarships may be provided for initial EMT-Basic and EMT-Paramedic programs. You may obtain a scholarship application from the Financial Aid Officer or Instructor at your school, from the Arkansas Ambulance Association website (www.aaaintouch.com) at the Scholarship link, or by contacting us as listed below.

- Applicants must submit a complete, accurate and legible Arkansas Ambulance Association Scholarship Application by the stated deadline, along with letters of recommendation from your employer and supervisor, along. Late, incomplete or illegible applications will not be considered. (See website or application for deadlines)
- Applicants must write or type a letter of request that describes why he or she is pursuing EMS education, their EMS educational and employment goals and how an Arkansas Ambulance Association Scholarship would be of benefit to the applicant. If your employer is paying for your EMS Education, or if you are receiving other scholarships, grants, etc., such must be disclosed on the application.
- Scholarships may be awarded for training programs beginning in the Spring or Fall semester, and may be used throughout the program for multiple semester courses.
- Scholarships are award in the amount of up to \$750.00 for EMT-Basic programs, and up to \$2,000.00 for EMT-Paramedic programs.
- Scholarship payments are made directly to the educational institution for expenses incurred for books and tuition only, therefore the institution must submit an invoice to ArAA Scholarship Program for payment.
- Only certified EMT-Basics, with one year of field experience documented by employer, are eligible to receive and EMT-Paramedic Scholarship. A copy of current certification card is also required for EMT-Paramedic applications.
- Recipients must begin the EMS education program and begin accessing the scholarship in the award period for which it was applied. Proof of continued employment by an EMS agency which includes hire date is required. Recipients must notify the ArAA Scholarship Chairperson of employer changes.
- Recipients who withdraw or discontinue the EMS course mid-term must refund scholarship funds to the Arkansas Ambulance Association. This includes any termination of the course, whether by the student or the educational institution. Scholarship refunds will be accepted by payment in full, or by 10% monthly payments or elected salary deductions, or by garnishment.
- Scholarship recipients must maintain passing grades and remain in good standing throughout the course of study. Proof of grades and good standing in the program may be required prior to scholarship disbursements.
- Recipients must seek certification by testing upon completion of their EMT-Basic or EMT-Paramedic program.
- Recipients must provide follow-up information and respond to Arkansas Ambulance Association surveys pertaining to their EMS education and career.
- Recipients must sign a promissory note for this educational loan, agreeing to these scholarship requirements, which must be notarized. The scholarship becomes a repayable loan if the student defaults on the scholarship terms.

Thank you for your interest in our scholarship program. If you would like more information or to make a donation, please contact Donald Shull, Scholarship Program Chairman.

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Mail Applications to:

Arkansas Ambulance Association Scholarship Program

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Scholarship recipients, and applicants not receiving a scholarship, will receive letters of notification.