

## **Description**

### **STUDENT BARRIER REMOVAL – FY25 APPLICATION**

The Oregon Office of Rural Health understands there can be significant challenges associated with obtaining EMS education, and at times, these challenges can prevent a student from gaining this important education. We are pleased to announce the availability of limited funding assistance to help reduce students' barriers when they do not have other viable options for reducing the hardship.

Eligible categories include mileage and/or lodging (e.g., to attend course testing or in-person skills events), acquiring a required textbook, assistance with childcare costs during the EMS course, or assistance to access a computer for online coursework. Other forms of hardship assistance may be considered if we are provided with a detailed description and cost estimate.

Student Barrier Removal applications are reviewed and considered on a rolling basis.

Please note:

- This assistance is meant for students who are currently enrolled in EMS education courses, or who have pending awards for EMS course funding.
- It is not provided for EMS courses that were completed prior to the application date.
- It is not intended for students taking EMS prerequisite courses.
- The student (or affiliated EMS agency) must be located in a designated rural area, based on the following standardized [Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer](https://data.hrsa.gov/topics/rural-health/rural-health-eligibility) tool: <https://data.hrsa.gov/topics/rural-health/rural-health-eligibility>.

Please read each question carefully. If your responses are incomplete or unclear, this could delay a decision on your application or cause it to be unintentionally denied. If you have any questions, contact [Joan Field, fieldj@ohsu.edu](mailto:joan.field@ohsu.edu).

Thank you!

## Applicant part 1

Are you, or the affiliated EMS agency, associated with one of the following EMS agencies:

Note: This is not a requirement for applying; however, the agencies listed receive priority consideration for the scholarship.

- ☐ Adventist Tillamook EMS
- ☐ Lake Health District EMS
- ☐ Harney District Hospital EMS
- ☐ Jefferson County Fire & EMS
- ☐ Pioneer Ambulance, Baker County
- ☐ Pendleton Fire & EMS
- ☐ Wheeler County, Mitchell Ambulance
- ☐ Wheeler County, Fossil Ambulance
- ☐ Wheeler County, Spray Ambulance
- ☐ None of these
- ☐ I have selected more than one of the above, and here is why:

Is your agency located in one of the following rural counties:

- ☐ Baker

- ☐ Gilliam
- ☐ Grant
- ☐ Harney
- ☐ Lake
- ☐ Malheur
- ☐ Morrow
- ☐ Sherman
- ☐ Wallowa
- ☐ Wheeler

## **Applicant part 2**

Contact information for the student:

First name

Last name

Title (or N/A)

Affiliated EMS agency

Student's email address

Student's mailing address

City

State

ZIP code

County where student resides

Please list any additional contact information not captured above:

## **course details**

If you are currently enrolled:

What EMS course are you presently taking (include the

**certification level** you are pursuing and the **name of the school**)?

If you are **not** currently enrolled:  
What are the reasons?

In your response, include the **certification level** you are pursuing and the **name of the school.**)

- ☐ Awaiting funding award (Please indicate which agency or organization you have requested funding from below.)

- ☐ Awaiting the school's acceptance (Please list the school, their website, and the certification level you are seeking below.)

- ☐ Awaiting assistance with student barrier removal.

☐ Other reason (Please describe below.)

Where will the educational classes take place?

- ☐ In-person
- ☐ Remote
- ☐ Hybrid of remote and in-person

Timing of the class. With the Quarter-dates guide below, please indicate **when the EMS class will begin**:

- ☐ 2025 - Sept 1 through Nov 30 (Q1)
- ☐ 2025-26 - Dec 1 through Feb 28 (Q2)
- ☐ 2026 - March 1 through May 31 (Q3)
- ☐ 2026 - June 1 through Aug 31 (Q4)
- ☐ later than Aug 31, 2026. Please indicate when:

- ☐ Class began prior to Sept 1, 2025. Please indicate when:

When do you anticipate the EMS class concluding or being completed?

## Student Barrier Removal

ORH has funds available to assist students who are facing specific barriers to completing their EMS education.

Select the area of financial hardship. For any selection made, include the following:

1. Explain **what the barrier is**;
2. The **dollar amount** of assistance requested; and
3. **Whether this is to be a reimbursement** or not.

☐ Mileage for my in-person classes or testing



- ☐ Lodging to attend in-person classes or testing

- ☐ Childcare cost during classes

- ☐ Assistance securing a computer for online classes

- ☐ Other barriers may be considered. Please briefly describe and include the associated cost:

## what impact

Please describe what impact your new certification and skill level will have on your community and how this barrier removal assistance will help you complete your education.



## **file upload**

We will require supporting documentation for the requested assistance. This can be a screenshot showing the source and costs, a receipt, a capture of the map route for proof of mileage, etc.

If you have supporting documents to upload, you may do so here. Please be sure they are legible and clear.

If you need assistance providing the supporting documentation, submit this request and indicate how we can help.

## **completion attestation**

By clicking "Yes" below, you attest that the information provided is true and accurate. You also agree to the following:

- To fully apply yourself to the associated educational opportunity.
- To utilize the skills and knowledge gained for the betterment of your affiliate agency and your community.
- To participate in follow-up outreach by ORH, to assess the success of this program.
- I agree to communicate with ORH immediately if:
  - For any reason, I am unable to use the funds as they were approved and provided; or
  - My circumstances change, and the assistance is no longer needed.

☐ Yes

☐ No

## **submission page**

Your application responses are shown after you click "Next," (if you would like to save them for your records). This also submits your request.

Funding applications are reviewed as they are submitted, on a rolling basis. You can expect a decision within 10-14 business days.

Please feel free to reach out to Joan Field at [fieldj@ohsu.edu](mailto:fieldj@ohsu.edu) with any questions.

Thank you!