

RESOLUTION NO. 24-15

**ESTABLISHING THE WORCESTER COUNTY
PARAMEDIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland ("the Commissioners") have determined the need for well-trained paramedics to serve the residents and visitors throughout Worcester County; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners wish to establish a scholarship program to offer tuition reimbursement in each fiscal year in which funding is available, up to the amount of the approved budget funding each fiscal year to obtain their paramedic certification;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners will evaluate the program each fiscal year to determine whether or not to continue to fund the program in the next fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the program is subject to annual funding appropriations by the Commissioners, the long-term goal is to aid in staffing shortages of paramedics serving Worcester County residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland that:

1. A Paramedic Scholarship Program is hereby established to offer tuition reimbursement in each fiscal year in which funding is allocated and approved during the budgetary process and any amendments thereof to be awarded to students each year from entities that are providing Emergency Medical Services to the residents and visitors of Worcester County as dispatched by either the Worcester County Department of Emergency Services 911 Center or the Ocean City, Maryland Communications Center.
2. Requirements:
 - A. The student must be providing Emergency Medical Services in Worcester County, Maryland either as a volunteer or career provider.
 - B. The student shall successfully complete any pre-requisites required by the Paramedic educational program and submit a letter of acceptance into said Paramedic program.

The student cannot enroll or start the Paramedic Educational Program and expect reimbursement without first receiving an approval letter from Worcester County Human Resources.


- C. The student shall submit letter(s) from each entity in which they are currently volunteering or employed providing emergency medical services in Worcester County and the intent for them to remain employed or volunteering after the completion of their paramedic certification. Said letter will be signed by the President or Ocean City/Pocomoke City Human Resources Director, and EMS Captain or equal rank of each entity.
- D. The scholarship shall reimburse expenses only covering tuition, fees, books, and supplies directly related to the Paramedic Certification Class. The maximum scholarship award shall be 80% of the current paramedic tuition rate of an in-county student at Wor-Wic Community College.
- E. The student shall submit all receipts, a transcript verifying successful completion of their certification, and a W9 form to the Worcester County Human Resources to be processed for reimbursement through the Paramedic Scholarship Program.
- F. This is a one-time scholarship and the recipient cannot receive more than one scholarship award through the Paramedic Scholarship Program.
- G. The sponsoring EMS agency or agencies shall provide a letter stating as to their specific requirements to satisfy the 24-month service requirement which shall be signed by the President, or Ocean City/Pocomoke City Human Resources Director, and EMS Captain or equal rank of each entity.
- H. The student shall sign a Tuition Reimbursement Agreement committing to work or volunteer for an Emergency Medical Service agency or agencies that provide Emergency Medical Services as defined in Section 1 for at least twenty-four (24) months post-graduation. If the student fails to provide Emergency Medical Services in the roll of a paramedic for less than twenty-four (24) months to the satisfaction of said entity; the student shall be required to reimburse the County for the full amount of the scholarship awarded.

AND BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution will become effective October 1, 2024.


PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of October 2024:

Attest:


Worcester County Commissioners



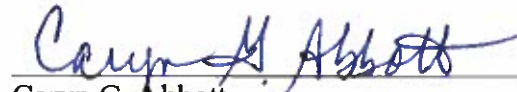
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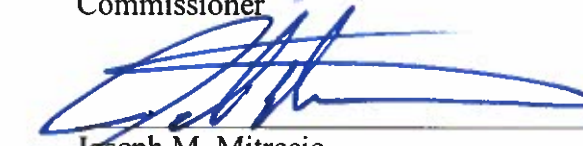
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