



2026 Advanced EMS Scholarship Application Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in the Advanced EMS Scholarship awarded by the Christopher Meadows Memorial EMS Education Fund. These \$3,000 scholarships are designed to aid students who have already worked in emergency medicine and want to now pursue a 'next-step' in such areas as nursing, physician's assistant, DO, MD, or related medical education. The following information will give you the guidelines on the qualifications, requirements and application process.

Qualifications:

- You must be currently enrolled in (as of the date of application), or accepted to, an accredited medical education program
- You must have a minimum of 2 years active paramedic or EMT field experience in California. Special consideration will be given to those applicants with work experience in Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, or Santa Cruz counties
- You must be 21 years of age at time of your medical education program completion
- You must be a California resident

Application Requirements:

Qualified applicants need to submit via our online application:

- Your resume, including the following information:
 - Contact information
 - Education
 - Relevant work experience
 - Community involvement experience
 - Awards and other recognition
 - References
- Proof of current enrollment in, or acceptance to, an accredited medical educational program
- One professional letter of recommendation. The letter should be specific to this application, be written on the individual's company letterhead, and signed by the recommender.
- Essay (not to exceed 500 words), answering the question "Why do you want to pursue this advanced medical program and why do you feel you should you be awarded the Christopher Meadows Memorial Advanced EMS Scholarship?" and reflecting on the background about Christopher Meadows found at the end of this document.
- Information on any special considerations or hardships you want the interview committee to be aware of.

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All application materials can be found at www.meadowsscholarship.org. Applications must be received via online submittal no later than November 15, 2026.

Selection Process:

All applications will be reviewed by our scholarship committee. At the option of the scholarship committee, finalists may be selected for online interviews. Scholarship award decisions will be made no later than December 31, 2025. The scholarship(s) will be awarded in two installments: \$1,500 upon notification of selection, and \$1,500 upon successful course completion. Successful course completion is defined as receiving a 3.0 (B) average or equivalent in course curriculum and attainment of associated certification and/or license.

For questions, please contact:

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About Christopher Meadows

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While he had shown interest in riding along with the fire department and listening to a scanner in high school, Christopher Meadows began his pursuit of an emergency medical career in earnest while he was studying in the business school at Cal Poly. During his senior year, in parallel with his Cal Poly studies, he enrolled in the EMT program at Cuesta College. After successfully completing the EMT 1 certification, he hired on with San Luis Ambulance as a reserve EMT in December 2006. From then until graduation from Cal Poly in June 2007, Chris worked as many shifts as possible, immersing himself in the job with the desire to learn as fast as possible and absorb as much as possible. He loved being an EMT so much that he put his potential business career on hold so he could work full-time in emergency service for a year.

Well, the more he worked as an EMT, the more he realized that emergency care was right for him, and he was good at it. One year turned into two, and Chris agonized over which path to pursue – a business career that would be financially rewarding and leverage his college training, or one in emergency services, which he did well and loved, but would never make him rich. Chris also joined the Search and Rescue team and learned all he could about that effort. He was in the process of being appointed the medical lead when, as a search and rescue volunteer, he was tragically killed May 24, 2009 while responding to a medical call at Oceano Dunes SVRA. He was the first member in the history of the SLO Search and Rescue team to be killed in the line of duty. Found in his car after his death were two applications to paramedic schools ready to be mailed. He had chosen to go with what he loved.

Chris never got to continue his career in emergency care. He loved helping people, but only got to do it for a little over two years. Chris was incredibly bright and only did things one way – the right way. The successful recipient of this scholarship must be prepared to pick up where Chris left off, and not only pursue his dream, but deliver on the promise of making the world a better place through dispensing excellent emergency care.



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