



The Wisconsin EMS Association

Excellence in Service Awards Categories for the 2024 Year

WEMSA's Annual Excellence in Service Awards is a way for WEMSA to honor both individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions to the EMS profession in the past year. The WEMSA Awards Committee consists of out-of-state individuals from other state EMS organizations. You can review the Committee Policies and Procedures [here](#).

The deadline to apply for all associated WEMSA applications is September 30th, 2024.

Please Note: Not all criteria for each award are mandatory for nomination. The following guidelines are intended to assist you in including relevant information and key points in your nomination. Please consider the criteria as a reference to guide your submission, rather than as rigid requirements. However, **the eligibility requirement must be met** for nominations to be considered for the award.

Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) of the Year Criteria:

- **Significant Contributions to EMS:** A Wisconsin Emergency Medical Responder who has made substantial contributions to the advancement and improvement of EMS services at the community, state, and/or national level.
- **Community Engagement:** Actively participates in community outreach and education, promoting public awareness of EMS services and health-related initiatives.
- **Professionalism in Patient Interactions:** Consistently demonstrates professionalism in all interactions with patients and their families, maintaining high ethical standards and compassionate care.
- **Commitment to Continuing Education:** Shows a strong commitment to ongoing professional development, continuously seeking opportunities to enhance their knowledge and skills in the EMS field.
- **Collaboration and Teamwork:** Works effectively with peers, other emergency responders, and medical professionals to enhance overall service delivery and patient outcomes while creating and maintaining a positive, supportive, and respectful work environment.
- **Eligibility:** Wisconsin State Certified EMR, at time of nomination, whose primary responsibility is providing direct patient care. The nomination can speak to either a continuous positive effort that enhances the quality of EMS or can speak to a specific individual event.

EMT of the Year Criteria:

- **Significant Contributions to EMS:** A Wisconsin Emergency Medical Technician who has made substantial contributions to the advancement and improvement of EMS services at the community, state, and/or national level.
- **Community Engagement:** Actively participates in community outreach and education, promoting public awareness of EMS services and health-related initiatives.
- **Professionalism in Patient Interactions:** Consistently demonstrates professionalism in all interactions with patients and their families, maintaining high ethical standards and compassionate care.
- **Commitment to Continuing Education:** Shows a strong commitment to ongoing professional development, continuously seeking opportunities to enhance their knowledge and skills in the EMS field.
- **Collaboration and Teamwork:** Works effectively with peers, other emergency responders, and medical professionals to enhance overall service delivery and

patient outcomes while creating and maintaining a positive, supportive, and respectful work environment.

- **Eligibility:** Wisconsin State Certified EMT, at time of nomination, whose primary responsibility is providing direct patient care. The nomination can speak to either a continuous positive effort that enhances the quality of EMS or can speak to a specific individual event.

AEMT of the Year Criteria:

- **Significant Contributions to EMS:** A Wisconsin Advanced Emergency Medical Technician who has made substantial contributions to the advancement and improvement of EMS services at the community, state, and/or national level.
- **Community Engagement:** Actively participates in community outreach and education, promoting public awareness of EMS services and health-related initiatives.
- **Professionalism in Patient Interactions:** Consistently demonstrates professionalism in all interactions with patients and their families, maintaining high ethical standards and compassionate care.
- **Commitment to Continuing Education:** Shows a strong commitment to ongoing professional development, continuously seeking opportunities to enhance their knowledge and skills in the EMS field.
- **Collaboration and Teamwork:** Works effectively with peers, other emergency responders, and medical professionals to enhance overall service delivery and patient outcomes while creating and maintaining a positive, supportive, and respectful work environment.
- **Eligibility:** Wisconsin State Certified AEMT, at time of nomination, whose primary responsibility is providing direct patient care. The nomination can speak to either a continuous positive effort that enhances the quality of EMS or can speak to a specific individual event.

Paramedic of the Year Criteria:

- **Significant Contributions to EMS:** A Wisconsin Paramedic who has made substantial contributions to the advancement and improvement of EMS services at the community, state, and/or national level.
- **Community Engagement:** Actively participates in community outreach and education, promoting public awareness of EMS services and health-related initiatives.

- **Professionalism in Patient Interactions:** Consistently demonstrates professionalism in all interactions with patients and their families, maintaining high ethical standards and compassionate care.
- **Commitment to Continuing Education:** Shows a strong commitment to ongoing professional development, continuously seeking opportunities to enhance their knowledge and skills in the EMS field.
- **Collaboration and Teamwork:** Works effectively with peers, other emergency responders, and medical professionals to enhance overall service delivery and patient outcomes while creating and maintaining a positive, supportive, and respectful work environment.
- **Eligibility:** Wisconsin State Certified Paramedic, at time of nomination, whose primary responsibility is providing direct patient care. The nomination can speak to either a continuous positive effort that enhances the quality of EMS or can speak to a specific individual event.

Support Champion of the Year Criteria:

- **Exceptional Contribution:** Recognizes individuals whose efforts significantly enhance EMS services in Wisconsin, including roles such as Nurse, Physician, Law Enforcement Officer, Pilot, Supervisor, Business Manager, Administrative Assistant, or other similar positions.
- **Positive Impact on Community:** Highlights the individual's positive and lasting impact on the community, through both direct service and broader initiatives that have enhanced public health and safety.
- **Professional Excellence:** Maintains high standards of professionalism and expertise in their role, contributing to the advancement and recognition of EMS within the community.
- **Dedication to Service:** Demonstrates an unwavering commitment to supporting EMS operations, consistently going above and beyond to ensure smooth and efficient functioning of services.
- **Team Collaboration:** Exhibits outstanding teamwork and collaboration skills, working effectively with other EMS professionals to achieve common goals and improve overall service delivery.
- **Innovative Impact:** Implements innovative strategies and initiatives that significantly enhance the organization's performance, efficiency, and service delivery, contributing to measurable improvements in outcomes and community impact.

- **Eligibility:** The nomination can speak to either a continuous positive effort that enhances the quality of EMS or can speak to a specific individual event.

Educator of the Year Criteria:

- **Commitment to High-Quality Education:** Consistently demonstrates a dedication to providing exceptional, professional education for EMS practitioners, ensuring the highest standards of learning.
- **Role Model in Education and Community:** Serves as an exemplary role model for EMS practitioners, both in the classroom and within the community, embodying the values and professionalism of the EMS field.
- **Effective Mentorship:** Actively mentors EMS students at all stages of their professional development, offering guidance, support, and encouragement to help them succeed.
- **Innovative Teaching Approaches:** Introduces and incorporates innovative teaching methods and tools in the classroom to enhance the learning experiences and outcomes for students.
- **Impactful Student Engagement:** Demonstrates the ability to engage and inspire students, fostering a passion for learning and a commitment to excellence in EMS practice.
- **Continuous Professional Development:** Shows a commitment to their own professional growth and development, staying current with the latest advancements in EMS education and practice to provide the most up-to-date training for students.
- **Eligibility:** State Certified Educator at time of nomination whose responsibilities include but are not limited to providing education to EMS students and direct patient care. The nomination can speak to either a continuous positive effort that enhances the quality of EMS education or can speak to a specific individual event.

Director of the Year Criteria:

- **Significant Contributions to EMS:** A Wisconsin Chief or Director who has made substantial contributions to the leadership, advancement and improvement of EMS services at the community, state, and/or national level.
- **Positive Impact on Community:** Highlights the individual's positive and lasting impact on the community, through both direct service and broader initiatives that have enhanced public health and safety.
- **Leadership Excellence:** Demonstrates exceptional leadership skills by effectively guiding and motivating the team, fostering a positive and productive work environment, and successfully navigating organizational challenges.

- **Dedication to Service:** Demonstrates an unwavering commitment to supporting EMS operations, consistently going above and beyond to ensure smooth and efficient functioning of services.
- **Commitment to Professional Development:** Shows a strong commitment to personal and team development through continuous learning, mentoring, and professional growth activities, ensuring that the organization stays current with industry standards and best practices.
- **Innovative Impact:** Implements innovative strategies and initiatives that significantly enhance the organization's performance, efficiency, and service delivery, contributing to measurable improvements in outcomes and community impact.
- **Eligibility:** The nomination can speak to either a continuous positive effort that enhances the quality of EMS or can speak to a specific individual event. This individual must be titled as a Chief or Director of a licensed service in good standing, at the time of nomination.

Service of the Year Criteria:

- **Significant Contributions to EMS:** A Wisconsin EMS Department that collectively has made substantial contributions to the advancement and improvement of EMS services at the community, state, and/or national level.
- **Exemplary Community Service through Engagement and Education:** Honors agencies that demonstrate a strong commitment to serving their community, consistently providing high-quality emergency medical services and support through efforts to engage with and educate the community, promoting awareness, preparedness, and collaboration in emergency medical situations.
- **Outstanding Professionalism:** Recognizes EMS systems that exemplify exceptional professionalism in all aspects of their operations, setting high standards for conduct and performance.
- **Dedication and Teamwork:** Celebrates the dedication and teamwork within the agency, highlighting how collaboration and mutual support contribute to their success and effectiveness.
- **Commitment to Continuous Improvement:** Recognizes agencies that are committed to continuous improvement, actively seeking and implementing ways to advance their services and adapt to the evolving needs of the community.
- **Innovative Practices:** Acknowledges the implementation of innovative practices and strategies that enhance the efficiency, effectiveness, and quality of EMS services provided.

- **Eligibility:** Wisconsin licensed service in good standing that is a **member of the Wisconsin EMS Association.**

Lifetime Achievement Award Criteria:

- **Long Standing Service:** Honors an individual who has dedicated 20 or more years to the EMS field, demonstrating unwavering commitment and passion for their work.
- **Significant Contributions:** Recognizes substantial contributions to the advancement and improvement of EMS services, including but not limited to innovations, leadership, and mentoring.
- **Professional Excellence:** Celebrates a career marked by professionalism, integrity, and dedication to the highest standards of EMS care.
- **Mentorship and Leadership:** Acknowledges the individual's role in mentoring and developing future EMS professionals, fostering a culture of excellence and continuous improvement.
- **Recognition by Peers:** Demonstrates the respect and admiration of colleagues and peers within the EMS community, reflecting a legacy of trust, reliability, and outstanding service.
- **Eligibility:** The nomination can speak to a continuous positive effort that enhances the quality of EMS throughout their 20 plus years of service to their community.

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