

## *Jackie Wilkerson Scholarship Guidelines*

### Qualifications:

Applicants must be a full-time employee of an EMS provider in one (1) of the thirteen (13) counties identified as EMS Region 5 who is interested advancing to Paramedic or Critical Care Paramedic. The course must have been completed within the MTEMSDA region.

- Employment Requirements - Applicant must be a full-time employee of an EMS Region 5 service.
- Deadline- Return application with all requirements to the Region 5 EMS Consultant's Office by the deadline on the application.
- Eligible applicants – Successfully completed the following program within the last twelve (12) months.
  - Paramedic (Must have a current TN license)
  - Critical Care Paramedic Course (Must have a current TN CCP endorsement)
- Other Considerations – Meeting minimum criteria does not guarantee a scholarship award. Other considerations include motivation, future potential, honors, area of specialization, economic status, availability of scholarship funds, compliance with scholarship application deadline, and other requirements specified by donors of certain scholarships. Applicant's service is preferred to be in good standing with the Director's Association. Scholarship awards will be based on merit and need.

### Application Process

1. Application – Submit per the application instructions, ensure the application is complete and signed.
2. Essay - Applicants must submit a single page typed essay explaining why they wish to pursue advancement in their EMS career.
3. Expenses – Verification that all expenses have been paid must be included.
4. Letters of Recommendation - A minimum of two (2) letters of recommendation are required. Letters of recommendation should provide at least the following information:

Recommender's name and Applicants name;

- Recommender's contact information including name, title, employer, phone number, address and e-mail.
- Length of time acquainted with and relation to applicant.
- One (1) of the letter of recommendation must be from a direct supervisor or your service director.
- Recommendations from a relative is not permitted.

### Recipient Expectations:

- Maintain high standards that will reflect favorably on the recipient, their sponsoring service and Middle TN EMS Directors Association.
- Following completion of the program, the scholarship recipient must write an acknowledgement letter to the Wilkerson Family copied to the Association.
- Be present at the MTEMS Director's meeting to receive the scholarship.

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### Scholarship Awards:

Selection of recipient(s) will be made without discrimination as to race, sex, creed, or national origin. The number of scholarships and the amount awarded will be voted on by the association once all applications have been received. Awards will be based off of the total number of applications and available funds.

### Scholarship Maximum Awards:

- Paramedic – Reimbursement up to \$2,500.
- Critical Care Paramedic – Reimbursement of actual expenses up to \$1,000.

### Expenses Covered:

Tuition

Books

Clinical Uniforms