

Year 2005 Award Categories

- EMSC Project Coordinator of Distinction Award
- EMSC Provider Leadership Award
- EMSC Family Member Volunteer of the Year
- EMSC Community Partnership Award
- Outstanding EMSC Research Project Award
- State EMSC Policymaker of Distinction Award
- EMSC Lifetime Achievement Award

Review Criteria

The following criteria will be used to evaluate nominations for the EMSC National Heroes Awards:

EMSC Project Coordinator of Distinction Award

This award recognizes an individual who:

- is currently active in the EMSC Program;
- has a minimum of three years direct EMSC project coordination experience;
- has a comprehensive understanding of the state's EMSC-related issues;
- has creatively and successfully integrated EMSC into the state's EMS program(s) for the long term;
- has excelled at collaborating with other organizations to overcome barriers to integrating the needs of children into the state's EMS system; and
- has developed an EMSC state program or product that serves as a "model for the nation."

EMSC Provider Leadership Award

This award recognizes an individual who:

- is a clinically-based health professional (e.g., EMT, nurse, physician, social worker) with a minimum of two years experience;
- is dedicated to providing the highest level of pediatric patient care;
- has an excellent understanding of pediatric emergency medical services issues; and
- has assumed a leadership role in addressing a current EMSC program priority* within the community, state, or nation.

** EMSC program priorities are addressed in the EMSC grant guidance and the EMSC Five-year Plan: 2001-2005, and could include children with special health care needs, family-centered care, or EMSC research.*

EMSC Family Member** Volunteer of the Year

This award recognizes an individual who:

- has been a volunteer for a minimum of two years;
- has provided meritorious service that resulted in a significant impact on the emergency medical needs of children in the community (e.g., improving family-centered care and/or cultural competency); and
- has performed the meritorious service as either a state EMSC program family representative or interested citizen.

*** A "family member" is defined as a parent, grandparent, sibling, or other individual active in a child's life, such as a legal guardian or foster parent.*

EMSC Community Partnership Award

This award recognizes a voluntary organization, community organization, or commercial company that works collaboratively with EMSC at the state level and:

- has taken a leadership role to improve pediatric emergency care in one or more states;
- has formed a partnership with the state EMSC program for advancing care on an EMSC issue;
- has made a significant contribution (e.g., development of product or program) that has improved emergency care for children and their families; and
- has been nominated by a EMSC state project coordinator.

Outstanding EMSC Research Project Award

This award recognizes an individual (or team) who:

- has completed a significant EMSC-related research study that confirms current practice or has the potential to impact the provision of pediatric emergency care at a national or international level;



- has published the project's research findings within the past 15 months; and
- has had his/her nomination endorsed by a committee of peers following a review of the published findings.

State EMSC Policymaker of Distinction Award

This award recognizes an individual who:

- has been a state public official (elected, appointed, or career official, e.g., governor, legislator, health commissioner, gubernatorial or legislative aide, maternal and child health director, or EMS Director) within the past five years;
- has advanced state legislation promoting EMSC programs or related measures;
- has a statewide, regional, or national reputation for safeguarding the health and well-being of children; and
- has been nominated by an EMSC state project coordinator.

EMSC Lifetime Achievement Award.

This individual must:

- be viewed as a national advocate for EMSC, increasing public attention and action at the highest levels;
- have devoted a significant part of his/her life to promoting and advancing pediatric emergency care;
- have worked to change the manner in which we care for children throughout the entire continuum of care;
- be active on numerous committees and boards at the state and national levels; and
- have EMSC-related works published in journals, textbooks, and/or other publications.

Review Process

A task force of the EMSC Stakeholder Group will review each nomination and make award recommendations to the EMSC Program. The Stakeholder Group reserves the right to forgo the presentation of an award if an appropriate candidate is not identified.

Presentation of Awards

The EMSC National Heroes Awards will be presented on April 12, during a luncheon at the 2005 Annual EMSC Grantee Meeting to be held in Washington, DC.

Application Process

To nominate an individual please submit the following:

Nomination Form. Please complete the attached nomination form and indicate the award for which you are applying. Additional nomination forms are available on the EMSC web site (www.ems-c.org).

Summary Statement. Prepare a summary statement no longer than one single-spaced typed page describing how the nominee meets the award criteria.

Supporting Materials. Supporting materials are limited to five pages and can include articles, letters, and any additional information to support the candidate's nomination.

Photograph. The submission must include a black and white or color photo of the nominee. Affix a separate piece of paper to the back of the photograph with the nominee's name and award category. Nominators may submit more than one photograph. Digital photographs also will be accepted and should be sent to Jane Ball at jball@emscnrc.com.

Deadline

All applications must be faxed or postmarked by January 31, 2005. Fax materials to (202) 884-6845. Mailed materials should be sent to: EMSC National Resource Center, c/o National Heroes Awards, 8737 Colesville Road, Suite 400, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

To receive a confirmation of a mailed submission, please enclose a self-addressed stamped postcard that includes the award name and the words "National Heroes Award Nomination Received."



The EMSC National Heroes Award program was established in 1998 by the Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Bureau to recognize and reward outstanding achievement in emergency medical services for children (EMSC) and to encourage continued excellence in the field. The award categories provide an opportunity to honor individuals, state teams, and organizations dedicated to advancing the purposes of the EMSC Program.

2005 EMSC NHA NOMINATION FORM

Please complete this form and fax it along with the summary statement and any additional materials (articles, letters, etc.) to support a nomination to Jane Ball at (202) 884-6845. Information, including the photograph, may also be sent via mail.

Nominee's Name: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Award Category (check only one):

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