



Earn a Prestigious Mark of Distinction – Become a Fellow of the Academy of EMS (Professional Members)

FAEMS was established in 2016 to honor NAEMSP® members who have made special contributions to the Association and the subspecialty of EMS Medicine. In 2017, professional members became eligible for this status; in 2020, international members became eligible.

Eligible members must apply by **August 15** to be recognized at the [2026 Annual Meeting](#). If you are not certain that you've met the eligibility requirements listed below, please contact the NAEMSP Executive Office at info-NAEMSP@NAEMSP.org or 800/228-3677.

Only [online applications](#) will be accepted. Submission of the incorrect form for member type will nullify application.

PROFESSIONAL CRITERIA FOR ELECTION TO FELLOW STATUS

A professional NAEMSP® member with at least three years of active involvement in EMS medicine and/or operations as an EMS clinician/provider/first-responder, EMS administrator/manager, educator or researcher may apply for fellow status.

Professional applicants shall meet and *provide supporting documentation* in fulfilling the following criteria:

1. **CONTINUOUS NAEMSP® MEMBERSHIP (3 years)** - Prior to award of fellow status, evidence of continuous membership in NAEMSP as a "professional member" (or non-physician "international member") for a minimum of **three years**.
2. **ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTION** - Substantial contribution to the association as described below and as documented with a letter of support from a committee chair, board member, or staff of the Association.

“Substantial contribution” to the association requires more than simply holding membership. Examples of substantial contributions to the association may include but are not limited to:

- Chair or co-chair an NAEMSP committee;
- Produce work for a committee;
- Work as a part of a task force or work group;
- Contribution to an ad hoc committee
- Hold a position on the journal's editorial board;
- Leadership or work of a local/regional NAEMSP chapter organization or related council;
- Work on special projects supported by NAEMSP, and
- Work on grants awarded to NAEMSP.

3. **EMS PROFESSION CONTRIBUTION** - Substantial contribution to the profession as described below and as documented with a letter of support from a supervising or collaborating member or staff.

Examples of substantial contributions to the profession may include but are not limited to:

- Formal teaching and/or examination of EMS personnel;
- Publication of scientific articles and/or reference materials germane to EMS medicine or operations;
- Substantial contributions (beyond membership) to other national bodies involved in the provision of education, evaluation, or accreditation for EMS systems or services such as, but not limited to, CAPCE, CoAEMSP, CAAHEP, NAEMSE, or NASEMSO, and
- Significant advocacy efforts to improve EMS policy and legislation.

The candidate must provide documentation of the above criteria for review by the membership committee and for final approval by the Board of Directors of NAEMSP or designee;

4. **FAEMS RECOMMENDATION** - A letter of support from a *current* Fellow of the Academy of EMS (FAEMS). Click [here](#) for a current list.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- [Online applications](#) only will be accepted.
- Applicants are responsible for:
 - Completing and submitting the appropriate form for member type.
 - **Providing documentation of the above criteria** and must do so through the formal online application system.
- All letters confirming any of the above criteria must be submitted with complete contact information from the chairperson, group leader, or equivalent.
- With respect to Requirement 3, the applicant must submit a list of publications or reference/education materials – preferably in the format of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) biosketch.
- The applicant must provide a non-refundable application fee of \$100 within 10 days of the online application. Applications received by August 15 and approved/elected will be recognized at the annual meeting.
- Continued membership in NAEMSP and maintenance of contribution to the profession are required to maintain fellow status and use of the FAEMS designation;
- Medical physicians (i.e., MD, DO) are not eligible for the *professional* track.

Application Process

Professional NAEMSP® members applying for FAEMS must do so on the [official online application form](#) approved by the NAEMSP® Board of Directors for the current year. Submission of the incorrect form for member type will nullify application.

At the time of application, applicants must submit ALL of the following. Failure to do so may jeopardize or delay the approval of the application):

1. Application,
2. Non-refundable application fee,
3. A minimum of three years of active involvement in EMS medicine and/or operations as an EMS clinician/provider/first-responder, EMS administrator/ manager, educator or researcher
4. **REQUIREMENT 1: “NAEMSP Membership”** will be verified by the Executive Office.
5. **REQUIREMENT 2: “Contribution to the Association”** – Letter of attestation for “Contribution to the Association” on appropriate letterhead from NAEMSP Chapter president/executive director or committee chair, attesting to activities in which the applicant took part.

6. **REQUIREMENT 3: “Contribution to the Profession”** – Letter of attestation from organization (employer or national body as outlined above), and
7. **REQUIREMENT 4: “Letter of Support”** – Letter of support from a [current FAEMS](#).

Review and Notification Process

- All materials are subject to review and approval by the NAEMSP® Membership Committee, with final approval from the NAEMSP® Board of Directors or its designee.
- To be acknowledged and recognized during the current year, applications for fellow status must be received by **August 15**.
- Applications will be reviewed annually in the fall.
- Applicants will be notified via email if their application has been approved or denied. Reason for denial will be outlined. Denied applicants are encouraged to reapply.
- Approved fellows will then be authorized to use the credential “FAEMS” in conjunction with professional activities (see below – Requirements for Maintenance of Designation).
- Fees, procedures for election, and reasons for termination of fellows shall be determined by the NAEMSP® Board of Directors.

FAEMS Recognition

- Members will receive official notification of election or denial of their application by email.
- Those whose application are received by August 15 and approved will be notified in late October. You may begin using the designation FAEMS on the date of the notification.
- All newly elected fellows will receive an official fellow certificate and lapel pin prior to NAEMSP’s Annual Meeting.

Requirements for Maintenance of Designation and Use of FAEMS

- *Continued membership* in the Association, and
- *Continued contribution* to the profession.

Fellows whose NAEMSP® membership expires immediately lose fellow status and the right to use the FAEMS designation and will be required to reapply for the designation upon membership reinstatement.

For questions regarding Fellow Status, contact us at INFO-NAEMSP@NAEMSP.org.

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