



Earn a Prestigious Mark of Distinction – Become a Fellow of the Academy of EMS (Physician 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 [2027 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.

PHYSICIAN CRITERIA FOR ELECTION TO FELLOW STATUS

Physician 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 “physician member” for a minimum of three years.
2. **EMS BOARD CERTIFIED** - Must be certified in EMS Medicine at the time of election by the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) or the American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine (AOBEM) or by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in Prehospital and Transport Medicine.

[Please note: Maintenance of Fellow status requires continued NAEMSP® membership in and maintenance of EMS Board certification.]

In addition, the candidate must meet the following requirements demonstrating evidence of high professional standing at some time during their professional career prior to application.

3. **MEDICAL DIRECTOR EXPERIENCE (2 YEARS)** – At least two years of active involvement in EMS Medicine as a Medical Director or Associate/Assistant Medical Director, exclusive of training, and (letter of attestation from peer Medical Director in same program OR from Chief/Director of the EMS agency *must* accompany application; CV's are not sufficient documentation);
4. Satisfaction of at least one criteria from each category during their professional career:

- a. **Contributions to the Association** - 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.
- b. **Contributions to Specialty Practice** - Substantial contribution as described below and as documented with a letter of support from a supervising or collaborating member or staff.
- Local, regional, or state EMS committee, council, or group;
 - Administrative or departmental affairs involving matters, issues, or incidents pertaining to EMS;
 - Member of a national body 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;
 - Operational physician for a ground ambulance, air ambulance, law enforcement, fire department, US&R, HazMat, or other specialty team requiring medical oversight.
- c. **Contributions to Specialty Advancement and Development** - Substantial contribution as described below and as documented with a letter of support from a supervising or collaborating member or staff.
- Formal teaching of EMS Medicine to physicians, nurses, medical students, out-of-hospital care personnel, or the public;
 - Research and publication in the practice of provision of EMS Medicine;
 - Examiner for, director of, or involvement in test development and/or administration for the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) or the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT);
 - Reviewer for, editor of or listed author of a published scientific article or reference material in the field of emergency medical services in a recognized journal or book.
 - Citation of publication in PubMed is allowed as an additional method for meeting criteria.

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 using 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.
- 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;

Application Process

Physician members applying for FAEMS must do so on the [official online application form](#) approved by the NAEMSP® Board of Directors for the current year.

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. **Requirement 3a** – Personally-written letter of attestation verifying your medical director service on company letterhead.
4. **Requirement 3b** – Letter of attestation from peer Medical Director in same program OR from Chief/Director of the EMS agency on appropriate letterhead outlining two-year service as Medical Director.
5. **Requirement 4a – Contribution to the Association** – Letter of attestation on appropriate letterhead from NAEMSP Chapter President/Executive Director or Committee Chair, citing a minimum of one activity in which the applicant took part.
6. **Requirement 4b – Contribution to the Profession** – Letter of attestation from organization (employer or national body as outlined above), and
7. **Requirement 4c – Contribution to the Subspecialty Advancement and Development** – Letter of attestation or publication list from organization (employer or publisher), or officially cited reference to published research.

[Please note: CV's will not be considered "supporting documentation."]

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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