

# **WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT) AWARD**

## **OFFICIAL GUIDELINES**

Pursuant to action taken by the Wisconsin American Legion Department Executive Committee, there was established The Wisconsin American Legion Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Award Program. A yearly award established to be given at succeeding Conventions to the "Emergency Medical Technician of Wisconsin".

To determine the winner as the outstanding EMT

1. Post within the Department of Wisconsin shall use the application on which the Post's recommendation for the award winner may be listed.
2. It will be the duty of each Post Commander to appoint a committee of up to five (5) Legion members of their Post, including the Public Safety Chairman, whose duty it will be to select an entry for his/her award. This selection may then be endorsed by the Post membership. The Post application shall then be forwarded to the County Chairman for further consideration in the County, and the County winner will be submitted to the District. Districts 4 & 5 – Posts will forward their application directly to the Districts. It is suggested all Counties have their applications submitted to the District by April 1.
3. Each County winner shall be determined and the application forwarded to its respective District by **APRIL 1** of each year. It is suggested that an appropriate program be held and a citation be awarded to the respective Post winners.
4. It shall be the duty of each District Commander to appoint a committee of up to five (5) Legion members of his District (one from a County whenever possible) and a District Public Safety Chairman, whose duty it will be to screen all applications and determine the District winner. Each contestant will be identified by number whenever feasible. The District winner may then be endorsed by the District membership. The winning application in each District shall then be forwarded to Department Headquarters for the attention of the Department Public Safety Chairman.
5. The District winner may be recognized on the District level although the award will be presented to him/her at either Spring Conference preceding the Department Convention or District Fall Conference following the Convention.
6. The selection of District winners shall be completed and certified to Department Headquarters by **MAY 1** of each year. The Department Committee will recognize only one (1) winner from each of the Legion Districts.
7. Upon certification of the District winners to the Public Safety Committee, said committee shall then determine the **DEPARTMENT WINNER**.
8. The judging and selection of the **FINAL WINNER** shall be made by the **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** at the Department Spring Meeting and the award shall be presented at the annual Department Convention.

9. In making a recommendation, Posts should bear in mind that the EMT recommended need not have performed an outstanding feat during the year in order to be eligible. The award should go to that EMT who, for a number of years, has turned in an outstanding performance of his or her duties. This does not rule out the possibility that this same EMT might, during the course of the current Legion year, have performed some feat which adds to his or her already impressive record.
10. Each of the District winners will be given recognition in the form of an appropriate citation by the Department Public Safety Committee. These citations are to be awarded by the District Commander.
11. The declared winner of the Emergency Medical Technician Award will be invited to attend the Department Convention.
12. A candidate for this award must be a living male or female EMT attached to some Emergency Agency in the State of Wisconsin, living and working in the State of Wisconsin on the date of the application.
13. A candidate for this award need not be a Legionnaire or veteran to qualify.
14. Any member of the District Selection Committee finding his or her name in competition on a District level shall immediately notify his/her District Commander by letter so that a replacement may be made on the Department Selection Committee prior to judgment of the District application.
15. Any member of the Public Safety Committee for the Department finding his or her name in competition on the Department level, shall immediately notify the Department Commander by letter so that a replacement may be made on the Department Selection Committee prior to judgment of the District applications.
16. The committee will select the EMT, who in the opinion of Legionnaires of Wisconsin, best exemplifies the traits and characteristics of a good EMT; one who goes about his daily duties in the protection of life and property of others. We must all know, in making our recommendations, that only one person will be the eventual winner and his or her selection will be made by the Department Public Safety Committee. Thus, applications should be as thorough as possible in the necessary information on their candidate before submitting it to the District.

**APPLICATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT) AWARD**

Our Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Recommended by Post No: \_\_\_\_\_ The American Legion, \_\_\_\_\_ (Location)  
Age of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ How long engaged in EMT work? \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Position: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** *(Use the reverse side or attach your typewritten recommendations to this application.)*

- (d) From applicant's superior, attach a resume of his/her EMT experience and include honors that have been bestowed upon the applicant.
- (e) Biographical sketch of applicant, including education, family, church affiliation (if any), fraternal or social organizations.
- (f) What in your opinion, makes this candidate an outstanding EMT? (include accomplishments outside of work – community involvement must be specified for consideration.

The above information should be "PERTINENT INFORMATION" to help the committee in making a final decision.

- Do not submit any scrapbooks as judging will be on the above three recommendations.
- Applicant must be employed and not retired.
- Include a small photo of person nominated.
- In the event this candidate should ultimately be declared the winner, will he/she be available for an appearance at our Department Convention?  YES  NO

**CERTIFICATION OF POST**

This recommendation is submitted by \_\_\_\_\_, Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin, located in the \_\_\_\_\_ District.

_____ Post Adjutant	_____ Post Commander
_____ Date	_____ Post Public Safety Chairman

**DISTRICT WINNER**

The winner of the \_\_\_\_\_ District, Department of Wisconsin, is the person whose name appears on line one (1) of this Entry.

_____ District Adjutant	_____ District Commander
_____ Date	_____ District Public Safety Chairman

**APPLICATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT) RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. List of previous EMT experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Give a brief biographical sketch of EMT nominated, including education, family, church affiliation (if any), fraternal or social organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Just what, in your opinion, makes this candidate an outstanding EMT? : \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Has the EMT ever been cited for outstanding EMT before? If so, what honors have been bestowed upon him/her? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. List any pertinent information which may help the committee in making a final decision including outside activities of the EMT beyond his official duties: \_\_\_\_\_

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