



2008



EMSC NATIONAL
HEROES AWARDS



2008 AWARD CATEGORIES

EMSC Project Coordinator/Manager of Distinction Award
EMSC Provider Leadership Award
EMSC Family Representative Volunteer of the Year Award
EMSC Advisory Committee Member Award
Outstanding EMSC Research Project Award
State EMSC Policy Leader of Distinction Award
EMSC Lifetime Achievement Award

REVIEW CRITERIA



Following is the criteria to evaluate each EMSC National Heroes Award category.

EMSC Project Coordinator/Manager of Distinction Award. This award recognizes an individual who:

- is active in the EMSC Program;
- has a comprehensive understanding of the state/territory/district's EMSC-related issues;
- has led efforts to meet EMSC performance measures and has completed all federal grant reporting requirements;
- has creatively formed or reformed a state/territory/district EMSC advisory committee with influential membership; and
- has excelled at collaborating with the EMSC advisory committee and other key stakeholders in the state/territory/district to overcome barriers to integrating the needs of children into the EMS system.

EMSC Provider Leadership Award. This award recognizes an individual who:

- is an active, clinically-based health professional (e.g., pre-hospital provider, nurse, physician, mental health professional);
- is dedicated to providing the highest level of pediatric patient care;
- has an excellent understanding of pediatric emergency care issues; and
- has assumed a leadership role in addressing a current EMSC priority within the community, state, or nation.

EMSC Family Representative* Volunteer of the Year. This award recognizes an individual who:

- is a community volunteer or was a community volunteer in the past year;
- has provided commendable service that resulted in a significant, positive impact on the emergency medical needs of children in the community; and
- has actively participated in and supported state/territory/district EMSC advisory committee activities.

* A "family representative" 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 Advisory Committee Member Award. This award recognizes an advisory committee member who:

- works collaboratively with one or more state/territory/district EMSC programs to advance EMSC priorities;
- has taken a leadership role to improve pediatric emergency care in one or more jurisdictions; and
- has made a significant contribution above and beyond his or her role as an EMSC advisory committee member that has improved emergency care for children and their families.

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, or has had accepted for publication, the study's findings or the project's research findings within the past 18 months; and
- has had his/her nomination endorsed by a committee of peers or a senior researcher in the field following a review of the nominee's work.

State EMSC Policy Leader of Distinction Award. This award recognizes an individual who:

- has been a state/territory/district public official (elected, appointed, or career official -- e.g., governor, legislator, gubernatorial or legislative aide, health commissioner, or EMS Director) or has taken a leadership role to affect policy change within the past five years;
- has a community, state/territory/district wide, or national reputation for safeguarding the health and well-being of children; and
- has significantly promoted an EMSC priority or pediatric emergency care issues within state/territorial/district government.

EMSC Lifetime Achievement Award. This award recognizes an individual who:

- is viewed as a national advocate for EMSC, increasing public attention and action at the highest levels;
- has devoted a significant part of his/her life to promoting and advancing pediatric emergency care;
- has worked to change the manner in which the nation cares for children throughout the entire EMSC continuum of care; and
- has EMSC-related works published in journals, textbooks, and/or other publications.

REVIEW PROCESS

A task force of the EMSC Partnership for Children Stakeholder Group will review each nomination and make award recommendations to the EMSC Program. The task force reserves the right to forgo the presentation of an award if an appropriate candidate is not identified. This process will be organized by the EMSC National Resource Center.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

The EMSC National Heroes Awards will be presented at a special event during the 2008 Annual EMSC Grantee Meeting to be held June 25-27, in the Washington, DC-area.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To nominate an individual please submit the following:

1. **Nomination Form.** Please complete the 2008 National Hero Award nomination form. Nomination forms are available from the EMSC National Resource Center at (202) 476-4927 or from the EMSC website at <http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/emsc>.
2. **Supporting Materials.** Supporting materials are not required, however, they are highly recommended to supplement the nomination form. Supporting materials are limited to 20 pages and can include articles, letters, and any additional information that supports the candidate's nomination.
3. **Photograph.** A photograph of the nominee may be requested for those selected as finalists. This is not required but suggested for inclusion with supporting materials.

DEADLINE

All applications should be submitted electronically to Tasmeen Singh, EMSC National Resource Center Director, at tsingh@cnmc.org. Faxed nominations will also be accepted at (202) 476-6845. The deadline for nominations is Friday, April 4, 2008. An electronic confirmation of receipt will be sent to the email address provided by the nominator.