

EMRA EMIG of the Year: Award Description, Evaluation Criteria, and Submission Instructions

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Purpose

The EMIG of the Year Award is established to recognize Emergency Medicine Interest Groups (EMIGs) that exhibit exemplary performance, meaningful collaboration, and significant contributions at both regional and national levels. The award further acknowledges the commitment and leadership of medical student organizers who consistently facilitate high-quality educational and professional development opportunities in emergency medicine.

Eligibility

All Emergency Medicine Interest Groups (EMIGs) associated with an accredited allopathic or osteopathic medical school and officially recognized as *EMRAfied* are eligible to apply. EMIGs based at international medical schools are also welcome to apply.

To learn how to become an EMRAfied EMIG, please refer to the EMRAfied EMIG requirements on EMRA's website.

Note: The EMRAfied status requirement is waived for the 2025 application cycle.

National Awards

Each year, up to three (3) EMIGs shall be recognized: one as the National EMIG of the Year, one as the 1st Runner-Up, and one as the 2nd Runner-Up.

In the event of a tie, all EMIGs with scores ranking within the top three will be recognized accordingly.

How to Apply

All submissions must be sent through the [EMIG of the Year Application](#) to be considered. Be sure to read the Minimum Requirements (X) prior to submission to ensure your application is eligible for review.

Deadlines and Important Dates

The annual deadline to apply for EMIG of the Year shall be August 30th 11:59 pm PT. Application opens on May 1st. All EMIG events from May 1st of the prior year through May 1st of the current year may be included in your application.

General Academic Year Timeline

- **August:** EMRA Medical Student Council shall review the award criteria and vote to reaffirm or update as necessary.
- **September:** The EMRA Medical Student Council announces the winner(s) at ACEP Scientific Assembly Medical Student Forum.

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Emergency Medicine Residents' Association



- **November:** Fall application reminder sent out.
- **March:** Spring application reminder sent out.
- **May 1st:** Application opens.
- **July 30th:** 30-day application deadline reminder sent out.
- **August 30th:** EMIG of the Year application closes.

EMIG Events Tracker Template

To ease the burden of painstakingly recording event details over a full academic year, we have developed the [EMIG Events Tracker Template](#) for EMIG leadership to use at their discretion. It was designed to mimic the structure of the award application itself, so EMIG leadership could prepare their award application as events are held throughout the year. EMIGs are instructed to download a copy for personal use. Use of the EMIG Events Tracker Template is suggested simply for user convenience and is not required to apply for the EMIG of the Year award.

Announcement and Recognition of Winners

The winner of EMRA National EMIG of the Year shall have their institution name and photo published along with the announcement (if granted permission). Photo will be selected by the winning EMIG's leadership and should be a photo that best represents their EMIG. Suggestions include, but are not limited to: EMIG President(s), the full student executive board, the entire EMIG membership, photo from EMIG event, EMIG logo, etc.

All Runner-Ups shall be recognized by the name of their institution only.

Winners shall be announced in the following locations:

- ACEP Scientific Assembly Medical Student Forum
- [EMRA Medical Student Newsletter](#) - October issue
- EMRA EMIG of the Year webpage

EMIG of the Year Awards Committee

The EMIG Committee shall be responsible for all communication, application review, and general information regarding the EMIG of the Year Award. Each EMRA Regional Representative and Coordinator is a de facto member of this committee and shall be responsible for reviewing the applications from their respective Regions. This committee shall be led by the EMIG Committee Chair.

The EMIG Committee Chair shall oversee this committee and be ultimately responsible for the overall award review process and timeline for one award cycle. The Committee Chair may delegate certain responsibilities to other committee members as necessary. This Committee Chair position shall be a volunteer collateral duty performed by a member of the [EMRA Medical Student Council](#). A maximum of two (2) Co-Chairs may be named per year.

Minimum Requirements, Points, and Scoring System



EMIGs will be evaluated for Regional and National EMIG of the Year based upon the following Points and Scoring System criteria. All events held from May 1st of the prior year up to May 1st of the current year may be included in the application. The following minimum requirements must be included for your application to be considered.

Minimum Requirements:

- Name of medical school or institution
- Name of the student contact (either you or a member of your EMIG leadership team)
- Student contact email address
- Name and email address of faculty advisor
- Minimum of two (2) EMIG meeting minutes submitted with your application. Accepted formats include:
 - PDF files of a meeting agenda with minutes or a slide presentation with minutes
 - *Note: meeting minutes must represent events from both the fall and spring semesters*
- Your EMIG must meet the EMRAfied EMIG requirements
 - *Note: this requirement is waived for the 2025 application*

Optional:

- EMIG student leadership roster and photo
 - To be published with the award announcement if your EMIG is recognized as National EMIG of the Year.
 - There is no specific requirement as to what must be in the photo. Suggestions include, but are not limited to: EMIG President(s), the full student executive board, the entire EMIG membership, photo from EMIG event, EMIG logo, etc.

EMIG of the Year Points and Scoring System		
Point Value	Type of Event	Description and Details
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per month that your EMIG posted in the EMRA EMIGs WhatsApp (Max of 30 points) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To qualify, post must be responding to a prompt by EMRA rep, asking your own question for other EMIGs, answering a question by another EMIG, or sharing an event, idea, or resource for other EMIGs. • Link to join WhatsApp: tinyurl.com/EMRA-EMIG-Community
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per EMIG fundraiser • Per eligible event attended by at least one EMIG member 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraisers to support EMIG operations, not a fundraiser intended for charity donation. • Eligible Events include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ACEP Scientific Assembly ○ CORD Academic Assembly



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ACEP Leadership & Advocacy ○ EMRA Regional events ○ ACEP state chapter events ○ AMA Annual Assembly ○ AMA Interim Assembly ● Approval of points for other event attendance must be requested from the Award Committee Chair(s). Contact your Regional Rep for more information.
20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Per “EMIG Event,” including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Guest speaker ○ Skills clinic ○ Journal club ○ Social event ○ Regional check-in ○ Other: must describe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must include event description and attendance numbers. ● Verified with photo documentation or posting to your regional WhatsApp community ● A “Regional Check-In” is a conference call held once per year, led by your Regional Representative
25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Per EMIG member holding a leadership position on the national EMRA Medical Student Council or ACEP state chapter MSC ● Per EMRA EMIG Connect Quarterly Meeting attended by at least one member of EMIG Leadership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EMRA Medical Student Council roster ● Not every ACEP state chapter has an existing Medical Student Council. Contact your Regional Representative or read this EMRA Newsletter article for advice on how to start one. ● EMRA Quarterly Connects are held on the 3rd Sunday of Feb, May, Aug, Nov (unless otherwise notified).
30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Per EMRA regional event co-hosted by your EMIG 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must be a joint event co-hosted by at least two EMIGs and verified by your Regional Representative. ● Examples include a skills training event, charity fundraiser, community service, social, virtual events, etc.
40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Per community outreach or volunteer service event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Examples include fundraisers and donations to local organizations/charities, blood pressure screening events, CPR education, community health fairs, etc. ● Must include event description and attendance numbers ●

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verified with photo documentation or posting to your regional WhatsApp community
50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per EMRA Publication by an EMIG member • Per oral or poster presentation at an eligible event. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMRA Publication examples include an article in the EMRA Medical Student Newsletter, EM Resident, Annals of EM, a policy resolution, the Newsletter of your ACEP State Chapter, or any other official ACEP or EMRA publication. • Note: points are awarded per person presenting/author • Eligible Events include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ACEP Scientific Assembly ○ CORD Academic Assembly ○ ACEP Leadership & Advocacy ○ EMRA Regional events ○ ACEP state chapter events ○ AMA Annual Assembly ○ AMA Interim Assembly • Approval of points for publications or presentations at other events must be requested from the Award Committee Chair(s). Contact your Region Rep for more information. • Must include appropriate description and citation (for publications) or photo to verify.

If you have questions about the Points and Scoring System, please contact your Regional Representative.

Changes to the EMRA EMIG of the Year Award Description and Evaluation Criteria

This document shall be frequently reviewed to ensure that its content and structure aligns with the intent and purpose of this award. Informal suggestions may be made by any EMRA member by emailing their Regional Representative. Formal changes to this document must be proposed during an official EMRA Medical Student Council meeting and require a majority vote to be confirmed. Confirmed changes will take effect the following academic year. If a proposed change is identified as urgent and approved by a majority vote, the EMIG Committee Chair(s) maintain the authority to implement such a change immediately.