

HOBART & WILLIAM SMITH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE



**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
FALL 2025**

VERSION 4.2



MISSION STATEMENT

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DOCUMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS APPLICATION

The following documents are included:

- Information about HWS EMS
- Information on the application process
- Application for Membership (and the Spring EMT-B course)
- HWS Colleges Background Check Permission Form
- Recommendation forms (2)

MEMBERSHIP

The membership structure of the Hobart & William Smith Emergency Medical Service is designed to ensure that the HWS community receives the highest quality BLS care from appropriately certified, trained, and mannered student responders. HWS EMS does not discriminate against any applicant for membership based on race, color, religion, gender, national origin, ethnicity, or orientation. Any complaints and/or concerns must be submitted to the HWS EMS Service Advisor* with proper documentation (see Additional Forms: Complaints) within 3 months of the incident unless extenuating circumstances apply.

CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following criteria must be met for an individual to be a member of HWS EMS:

1. Be a student member of the Hobart & William Smith community *
2. Cannot be in their senior year when applying unless approved by the EMS Chief
3. Must be in good standing (academically and socially) with the Colleges
4. Must be at least 18 years old by the time of NYS Exam
5. Provide identification (Driver's License, Passport, State ID)

The additional criteria must be met for an individual to be an active member:

6. Maintain a current NYS certification as an EMT-B or higher
7. Maintain a current AHA certification in BLS CPR

* The Service Advisor is a non-student member of HWS EMS



APPLICATION PROCESS

Any individual meeting the criteria listed above may apply for membership to HWS EMS. This will first involve completing a full HWS EMS Application. The applicant will then be contacted to participate in at least one interview with members of the Application Review Board. If accepted, the individual may begin their New Member period at the discretion of the EMS Chief. Any accepted members will be required to fill out a contractual agreement form (see additional forms).

If accepted, the new member-in-training will enroll in the next available HWS EMS (facilitated) EMT Basic course. Once enrolled, the EMT student will be required to dutifully fulfill the required course work and testing while attending HWS EMS meetings (unless excused by a member of the Executive Staff). In return, HWS EMS will supply the agency code number to the course instructor verifying membership and thereby making the student eligible for full tuition reimbursement by the State of New York. Once certified by NYS, the EMT student will become a New Member of HWS EMS. First-year students interested in joining HWS EMS will have the opportunity to initiate the application process in the fall semester however they may not enroll in the EMT basic course until their First-year spring semester. If taking the course during the first year, the contract will state that the member will be active with HWS EMS for at least five academic semesters beginning with two consecutive semesters immediately after successfully completing the EMT course and passing the NYS certification exam. Leave of absence for study abroad must be notified to the Chief. Current sophomores may apply in the fall semester and enroll in the EMT course that spring. If taking the course during the first year, the contract will state that the member will be active with HWS EMS for at least three academic semesters beginning with two consecutive semesters immediately after successfully completing the EMT course and passing the NYS certification exam. Please note that current sophomores may face a more rigorous application process as returned time commitment to HWS EMS is limited. The decision ultimately lies with the Executive Staff.



**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO
HOBART & WILLIAM SMITH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE**

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 11:59 PM ON OCTOBER 31ST, 2025.

When completed submit this exact document (with additions as needed) in the attached envelope to:
Hobart & William Smith Emergency Medical Service
300 Pulteney St., Geneva, NY 14456

DEMOGRAPHICS

Full Name:

Preferred Name:

Age:

DOB:

Hobart/William Smith:

Year:

Preferred Email:

Campus Mailbox:

RECOMMENDATIONS

Please list the contact information of two individuals serving as your references. One reference must be a **non-student** on campus (such as a professor, supervisor, or administrator who knows you fairly well). The other may be another **non-student** from campus, a Residential Advisor, or a professional contact from a previous work/education experience.

1. NAME:

RELATIONSHIP:

PHONE:

2. NAME:

RELATIONSHIP:

PHONE:

PERTINENT INFORMATION (please use additional space as needed)

Major(s) & Minor(s) [or concentrations if undeclared]:

On-Campus Responsibilities and/or Employment:

On-Campus Groups & Organizations (include positions held):



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BACKGROUND *(please use additional space as needed)*

Have you ever received training to become an Emergency Medical Technician? If so, where and when?

Are you currently, or have you ever been, a Certified Emergency Medical Technician? If so, what state(s) and years of experience?

Have you ever worked for an Emergency Medical Service? If so, in what position, for what duration, and the name (and phone number) of a supervisor we can contact.

Have you ever received (and do you maintain) CPR/AED/First Aid/Lifeguard training? If so, who was the organization (American Heart Association, American Red Cross, etc.), what was the specialization (Professional Rescuer, Babysitter, etc), and when does it expire?

If you are not currently a New York State EMT-Basic, if accepted to the Service, would you be interested in completing the EMT course through HWS (in Spring 2026) or independently (over the summer)?

ESSAY *(please attach completed essay to this document)*

On a separate document (typed, approximately 500 words) please explain why you are interested in joining HWS EMS (and taking the EMT course if not certified). Consider the following questions when responding: What skills/abilities/attributes make you a strong candidate? Have you had any interactions with EMS? What do you hope to gain from this experience?



RECOMMENDATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO HOBART & WILLIAM SMITH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

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It should be noted that both the course and the emergency pre-hospital profession can be demanding and at times exhausting (physically, mentally, and emotionally). EMTs must be able to perform their duties competently and professionally. They must be able to communicate effectively with both the patient and other members of the health care team, be able to make critical decisions under pressure and maintain complete confidentiality. In receiving this application, the below-listed candidate has asked that you verify that they are a competent individual for this process. **We ask that you please give this request for a recommendation your full attention, consideration, and honesty as this process is not to be taken lightly.**

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300 Pulteney Street
Geneva, New York 14456

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at ems@hws.edu.

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:

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DATE SIGNED:

DATE RECOMMENDATION COMPLETED:



PART I: Character Rating

Please carefully read the statements below and circle the number that best represents your rating of the applicant.

<i>It is my belief that the applicant...</i>		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
1	is a positive member of the community	1	2	3	4	5
2	is responsible and dependable	1	2	3	4	5
3	is honest	1	2	3	4	5
4	is trustworthy	1	2	3	4	5
5	is emotionally mature	1	2	3	4	5
6	is compassionate	1	2	3	4	5
7	has a strong work ethic	1	2	3	4	5
8	has a strong sense of priorities	1	2	3	4	5
9	has a strong set of values and morals	1	2	3	4	5
10	communicates clearly and effectively	1	2	3	4	5
11	can earn the respect and confidence of others	1	2	3	4	5
12	can demonstrate sensitivity to others	1	2	3	4	5
13	responds appropriately to authority	1	2	3	4	5
14	acts appropriately in a position of authority	1	2	3	4	5
15	acts appropriately in a team setting	1	2	3	4	5
16	acts well under stress	1	2	3	4	5
17	is able to adapt to a variety of situations	1	2	3	4	5
18	is capable of making critical decisions	1	2	3	4	5
19	is capable of sacrificing time/energy for others	1	2	3	4	5
20	is someone I would trust to treat my family	1	2	3	4	5

PART II: Letter of Recommendation

On a separate piece of paper, please describe in detail why this individual would be a beneficial addition to our Service on campus. Please take into consideration the following questions when responding:

- How well and in what capacity you know this applicant
- Any strengths or weaknesses of this applicant
- Why you feel the applicant would or would not be able to be an effective EMT
- If you foresee any academic problems for this applicant if (s)he was to take the EMT class
- Any explanation of the above "character ratings"

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RECOMMENDER'S TITLE/POSITION:



RECOMMENDER'S ADDRESS:

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Permission to Perform A Background Review Check

I hereby allow Hobart & William Smith Emergency Medical Service to request the Associate Vice President of Campus Safety or designee to perform a check of my background, including Hobart & William Smith Colleges' Academic and Social standing, criminal record, driving record, volunteer history, education and/or professional status and personal references. I hereby allow HWS EMS to perform a check of all previously mentioned items.

I understand that information collected during this background check will be limited to that appropriate for determining my suitability for particular types of volunteer work and that all such information collected during the check will be kept confidential.

Also, I hereby extend my permission to those individuals or organizations contacted, for the purpose of this background check, to give their full and honest evaluation of my suitability for the described volunteer work and other information they deem appropriate.

I acknowledge that this permission for review is valid for one month from the date received by the HWS EMS Application Review Board. Details of the results will be submitted by the Hobart or William Smith Dean's Office to the HWS EMS Service Advisor, who will in turn present a list of acceptable applicants to the HWS EMS Application Review Board. HWS EMS Student Officers/Responders will not be made aware of details regarding an applicant's Academic or Social standing unless determined pertinent by the Service Advisor.

I understand that I do not have to agree to this background check, but refusal to do so may exclude me from consideration for membership to Hobart & William Smith Emergency Medical Service. I finally understand that Hobart & William Smith Emergency Medical Service reserves the right to deny membership based on these findings and the recommendation of the Hobart & William Smith Administration.

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WITNESS'S PRINTED NAME:

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:

WITNESS'S SIGNATURE:

DATE SIGNED:

DATE WITNESSED: