

*Essay Contest*



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# 2019 EMS Week Essay Contest

*Answer the question:*

*As an EMS provider, what does  
it mean to go beyond the call?*

EMS providers in South Central Pennsylvania are encouraged to participate in the 1st Annual EMS Week Essay Contest. Participants will use this year's EMS Week theme: "EMS Strong: BEYOND the Call". In 1,000 words or less answer what does it mean to go beyond the call? The winning essay will be selected based on uniqueness, interpretation, and relevance to EMS practice. The winning essay will be featured on the EHSF website and presented at the 2019 EMS Leadership Breakfast hosted by the EHSF on Wednesday, May 22, 2019. The hope for this essay contest is to encourage thoughtful reflection, healing, motivation, and creativity by our EMS providers.

**Review the Essay Contest Guidelines!**

Submit your essay at:

<https://www.ehsf.org/form/2019-ems-week-essay-contest>

**Deadline: Friday, May 3, 2019 at 11:59 PM**

*Prize  
\$500 Cash*



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### ***2019 EMS Week Theme: EMS Strong: EMS BEYOND the Call***

#### Contest Guidelines:

- Submission Process: Essays should be submitted one of the following ways:
  - o Electronically through the online web form:
    - <https://www.ehsf.org/form/2019-ems-week-essay-contest>
  - o E-mail to EHSF:
    - Send the e-mail to [cspang@ehsf.org](mailto:cspang@ehsf.org)
    - Subject: 2019 EMS Week Essay Contest
    - Body of the e-mail include contact information (name, certification number, e-mail, and telephone), and essay of 1,000 words or less
  - o Mail to EHSF:
    - Send to Emergency Health Services Federation, ATTN: 2019 EMS Week Essay Contest, 722 Limekiln Road, New Cumberland, PA 17070
    - Cover letter should include contact information (name, certification number, e-mail, and telephone), and essay of 1,000 words or less
- Submission Guidelines: Each EMS provider can submit *one* entry for consideration.
- Deadline: The 2019 EMS Week Essay Contest deadline is Friday, May 3, 2019. Entries received after midnight EST on that day will not be considered.
- The winner will be announced by Friday, May 10, 2019.
- Length: Essays should be no longer than 1,000 words. This is a *maximum* word count. Your response to the theme should be clearly and powerfully communicated.
- Eligibility: The contest is open to certified EMS providers with a residence or work affiliation in the EHSF region.
- Language: Essays should be written in English and represent the provider's original work.
- Winner: A panel of reviewers selected by the EHSF will judge entries and will award one winner. The winning essay will be featured on the EHSF website and presented at the 2019 EMS Leadership Breakfast hosted by the EHSF on Wednesday, May 22, 2019. Those receiving Honorable Mention will be featured on EHSF website and mentioned at the 2019 EMS Leadership Breakfast.
- Prizes: The winner will receive a \$500 cash prize and a certificate of recognition from the EHSF. Contestants who receive Honorable Mention will receive a certificate of recognition. For the winner, the cash prize will come in the form of a check. If the check expires or is lost, a cancellation fee will be deducted from the total when the check is re-issued.
- Evaluation Criteria: Each submission is read by at least three reviewers. Essays will be evaluated using the following criteria:
  - Addresses Prompt—The essay effectively takes into account the purpose of the theme. If an essay does not make an earnest attempt to address the contest's prompt, it will not be considered for review.
  - Focus—The thesis/main message is clear and supported throughout the essay. The essay does not stray from the main message.
  - Organization & Structure—The essay is organized and well-structured. Author demonstrates command of grammar, spelling, and mechanics.
  - Voice/Originality—The essay uses a highly engaging and personal style. The author finds fresh or interesting ways to convey ideas. The author approaches the topic from a unique perspective.
  - Evidence of Personal Reflection—The essay demonstrates that the author has genuinely explored the topic/question and how it relates to the EMS system. The essay reflects a depth in reflection.