



AWARDS CELEBRATION

2025-2026 Nomination Form

PLEASE USE THIS FORM TO SUBMIT ONE OR MORE REGION 5 AWARD NOMINATIONS.

You are welcome to type your responses directly into this document. Be sure to save and review all responses prior to submission.

NOMINATOR INFORMATION *Person Submitting Nomination(s)*

Important: If you wish to remain anonymous, please submit written responses to the potential interview questions provided for in the awards criteria and guidelines. Your responses should be submitted in a separate document

<i>Submitted By:</i>			
<i>Title/Position:</i>			
<i>Agency/Institution:</i>			
<i>Email Address:</i>		<i>Mobile Number:</i>	

REFERENCE

Optional: Please consider listing a trusted supervisor, training officer, or co-worker capable of supporting these nominations.

<i>Reference:</i>			
<i>Title/Position:</i>			
<i>Agency/Institution:</i>			
<i>Email Address:</i>		<i>Mobile Number:</i>	

DAVID MOORE AWARD NOMINATION

Eligibility: The David Moore Award of Excellence recognizes an individual who has unselfishly dedicated their time and efforts to improving EMS in Region 5. This award celebrates outstanding contributions, leadership, and commitment to advancing EMS. Recipients have demonstrated exceptional dedication to strengthening the regional EMS community through mentorship, innovation, public awareness, and community engagement

<i>Nominee's Name:</i>			
<i>Agency/Institution:</i>			
<i>Email Address:</i>		<i>Mobile Number:</i>	

SERVICE OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

Eligibility: The service must be a licensed EMS Agency, in good standing with the Georgia Department of Public Health and located in EMS Region 5.

<i>Agency:</i>			
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DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

Eligibility: The nominee must be an EMS Director in good standing working for a licensed EMS Service in Region 5.

<i>Nominee's Name:</i>			
<i>Email Address:</i>		<i>Mobile Number:</i>	

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

Eligibility: The nominee must be an active, licensed EMS instructor in good standing, who provides instruction to EMS professionals within Region 5.

<i>Nominee's Name:</i>			
<i>Agency/Institution:</i>			
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PARAMEDIC OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

Eligibility: The nominee must hold a current Georgia Paramedic. The nominee must be a provider in good standing working or volunteering in Region 5 and must provide direct patient care. This award is NOT open to EMS Administrators, Directors, or Supervisors who do not routinely deliver direct patient care as a primary responder.

Nominee's Name:

Agency/Institution:

Email Address:

Mobile Number:

EMT OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION

Eligibility: The nominee must hold a current Georgia EMTR, EMT, EMT-I, AEMT, or CT. The nominee must be a provider in good standing working or volunteering in Region 5 and must provide direct patient care. This award is NOT open to EMS Administrators, Directors, or Supervisors who do not routinely deliver direct patient care as a primary responder.

Nominee's Name:

Agency/Institution:

Email Address:

Mobile Number:

RISING STAR AWARD NOMINATION

Eligibility: The nominee must hold a current Georgia EMTR, EMT, EMT-I, AEMT, CT, Paramedic, or RN license having less than five (5) years of field experience at their current level. The nominee must be a provider in good standing working or volunteering in Region 5 and must provide direct patient care. This award is NOT open to EMS Administrators, Directors, or Supervisors who do not routinely deliver direct patient care as a primary responder.

Nominee's Name:

Agency/Institution:

Email Address:

Mobile Number:

MEDAL OF VALOR NOMINATION

Eligibility: The purpose of the Medal of Valor is to honor an individual or team within the Central Georgia Region 5 EMS area who has demonstrated exceptional bravery. This award recognizes acts of valor performed under extreme or adverse conditions, where the nominee(s) distinguished themselves without regard to potential risk to life and limb.

Nominee's Name:

Agency/Institution:

Email Address:

Mobile Number:

Nominee's Name:

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Nominations

Nominations may be submitted online, by hand, or by email to Michelle Archer, Region 5 EMS Program Director. All nominations must be received by **November 30, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.**

Visit www.R5Trauma.org to access the online form, or email submissions to michelle.archer@dph.ga.gov using the subject line: "Awards Nomination Submission (Agency/Nominee Name)."

Awards Interviews

The awards selection process relies heavily on interviews with nominators and/or listed references. These interviews provide essential insights into each nominee's qualifications, contributions, and impact. Applicants are encouraged to review the interview questions in advance to ensure that their responses fully represent the strengths of their nomination.

Scheduling for Awards Interviews will begin within one week of receiving the initial nomination, and all interviews will be completed by the second week of December.

The selection process for the Rising Star, Provider of the Year, Educator of the Year, Director of the Year, Service of the Year, and David Moore Awards primarily relies on information gathered through interviews with nominators and/or provided references. All interviews are recorded, transcribed, summarized, and de-identified to ensure consistency, accuracy, and impartiality throughout the review process.

Awards Selection Process

The Region 5 Special Events Committee appoints an independent Selection and Scoring Committee to evaluate all eligible nominees. These outstanding EMS professionals and partners—who exemplify excellence across our state—are not affiliated with any EMS agency serving Region 5, ensuring an impartial and unbiased evaluation of every nomination.

The committee evaluates each nominee based on:

- Interview responses aligned with the established award criteria
- Documentation and examples demonstrating excellence in service
- Scoring outcomes using a standardized, objective matrix

Because evaluators naturally differ in scoring tendencies, nominee scores undergo a **normalization process** to ensure equity across evaluators. Normalization proportionally adjusts each evaluator's scoring range so that:

- Their lowest score = 1
- Their highest score = 5
- All other scores fall proportionally between these values

This preserves individual evaluator rankings while preventing extremely generous or conservative scoring from disproportionately influencing outcomes. Once normalized, scores from all evaluators are averaged to determine each nominee's final score. The nominee with the highest composite score is selected as the award recipient.

Medal of Valor

The Medal of Valor Awards are determined through a verification process involving interviews, evidence review, and documentation analysis, as these nominations often involve patient care and protected information. These awards are reviewed at the regional level within the framework of Region 5's long-established Performance Improvement (PI) and Peer Review framework. Each nomination is carefully evaluated to ensure compliance with confidentiality standards and fair consideration of all contributing factors.

Confidentiality

To maintain the highest level of integrity and fairness, the Region 5 Special Events Committee does not disclose who has been nominated for individual awards, nor does it conduct nominee reviews directly. All nominations and nominators remain anonymous throughout the process.
