

*Inspiring you to be alive  
in the wilderness.*

Many people enjoy the beauty, recreation, opportunity, and the thrill of the unknown that comes with the wilderness; however, few are prepared to face a wild-animal attack, life-threatening extreme temperatures, illness, or other traumatic injury should one occur. Additionally, events in any location—rural or urban—can require improvised medical training if standard resources are too distant or unavailable.

For these reasons, the Wilderness Medical Society has established the Academy of Wilderness Medicine™. The Academy has created a comprehensive set of requirements for candidates that blend educational breadth with direct experience. Candidates who complete this program exemplify knowledge, leadership, and service to the field of wilderness medicine and may use the designation “Fellow of the Academy of Wilderness Medicine (FAWM).”

**Earn your Fellowship and be recognized for your commitment to knowledge, leadership, and service in the field of wilderness medicine.**



A list of the core curriculum, eligible activities, updates, FAQ, and all other details about the Academy of Wilderness Medicine are located at [wms.org/fawm](http://wms.org/fawm).

Questions? Email [info@wms.org](mailto:info@wms.org).



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Fellowship in the Academy  
of Wilderness Medicine

*Combine Your Profession  
with Your Passion.*



# FAWM REQUIREMENTS

# CHECKLIST

## QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

### WMS Membership

Membership in the Academy is open to all WMS members (candidates in student category are not eligible to receive their FAWM, but can begin accumulating credits). Candidates and Fellows must maintain an active membership in the WMS in order to apply for their Fellowship, maintain their status in the Academy.

### Education

Candidates must complete an initial qualifying credential or degree in any recognized medical/health discipline or vocation (MD, DO, PA, RN, EMT, Pharm. D, ND, RD, PT, affiliate degree). Others may be considered on an individual basis.

### Experience

To complete their FAWM, candidates must have completed at least one year of professional practice in their medical vocation or discipline after completion of an initial qualifying program or school.

### Active Professional Status

Candidates must be current with respect to licensure and/or institutional registration in their respective vocational discipline at the time of a final review.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

To begin your candidacy, please review the information at [wms.org](http://wms.org).



## MINIMUM CREDITS

To complete the program and become a Fellow in the Academy of Wilderness Medicine, a candidate must accumulate a minimum of 100/95 total credits in three different categories, according to the following table:

	Required credits for candidates attending 1 WMS conference	Required credits for candidates attending 2+ WMS conferences
Core Credits*	50-70	45-70
Elective	5-15	5-15
Experience	20-40	20-40
Total	100	95

*\*A maximum of 28 non-WMS Core Credits may be claimed. All other Core Credits must be obtained directly from WMS activities.*

## FEE STRUCTURE

Academy applicants pay an initial one-time FAWM Candidacy Fee of \$225 (USD) for a 5-year term to complete the requirements and achieve Fellow status. If Fellow status is not completed during the first candidacy term, a new FAWM Candidacy Fee is required to continue, and a new 5-year term begins.

## RETROACTIVE CREDITS

Candidates meeting initial criteria or candidates who did not complete their FAWM within five years who wish to apply again, may request that previously completed educational events be applied toward their FAWM credits. There is an additional \$25 (USD) retroactive fee associated with this service.

## SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS

Candidate must:

- Complete Core/Elective/Experience requirements within five years of their candidacy
- Attend at least one live WMS activity
- Be an active dues paying member of the Wilderness Medical Society for the duration of the candidacy
- Submit copies of:
  - Proof of Education (graduation certificate or diploma)
  - Proof of Experience (membership in a professional society or employment verification)
  - Proof of Active Professional Status (current medical license or registration)
  - A signed WMS Disclaimer

