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**AEIX Risk Management and Patient Safety Advancing Excellence**

**Professional Development Scholarship Application**

**DEFINITION:**

The Lighthouse Risk Management and Patient Safety Scholarships for Professional Development are for team-members who inspire to advance their knowledge and expertise in the field with the intent of utilizing their learnings to promote a safer healthcare environment.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Risk Management and Patient Safety Professionals that are members of AEIX. “Member” includes any organization (hospital, clinic, long term care, urgent care, behavioral health, outpatient services, etc.) within the member system.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Complete the application in its entirety.

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1. Applications must be submitted to AEIX in **WORD** format.

* Applications must be completed electronically (typed) and be sent in an editable format (do not scan and send the document or send in a non-editable format such as a pdf).

1. Completed applications should be sent via email, as a WORD document attachment,  with a copy to the organization’s risk management leader, to the following email: [aeixawards@premierinc.com](mailto:aeixawards@premierinc.com).

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| 1 | Applicant Full **Name:** | Jennifer Vue | | | | 2 | **Date** Application Completed: | 07/17/2025 |
| 3 | Applicant **Email:** | jvue4@valleychildrens.org | | | | 4 | **Title** of Applicant: | Quality & PI Coordinator |
| 5 | Applicant’s Risk Management System Leader **Name:** | Nathan Powell | | | | 6 | **Title** of Applicant’s System Leader: | VP & Chief Risk Officer |
| 7 | Applicant’s Risk Management System Leader **Email:** | [NPowell1@valleychildrens.org](mailto:NPowell1@valleychildrens.org) | | | | | | |
| 8 | Member Organization:  (Name of the system) | Valley Children’s Hospital | | | | 9 | Member Location:  *Include full address* | 9300 Valley Children’s Place  Madera, CA 93636 |
| 10 | Number of years applicant has been at the organization: | 1 year and 9 months | | | | 11 | Years in Risk Management or Patient Safety Role: | 7 years |
| 12 | Education Requested: | CPHQ Exam | | | | 13 | Cost of Education: | $619 |
| 14 | Date of Education:  (when do you plan on completing the education?) | January 2026 | 15 | Where is the education located: | | Virtual *or*  City: Click or tap here to enter text.  State: Click or tap here to enter text. | | |
| 16 | Copy and Paste the link to education here→→  *(if a link is not available, attach information about the education to the email as separate documents)* | | | | https://nahq.org/credentials/cphq-certified-professional-in-healthcare-quality/apply/ | | | |
| 17 | Does your organization have a reimbursement program in place for this type of education? | | | | | | Yes No | |
| Notes/Explanation for financial need:  (*i.e. the certification itself is covered by the organization, but the prep-course is not; or – there is no budget for this type of education, etc.)*  There is currently no budget allocated for the CPHQ Certification including exam, prep course/trainings/study materials, so the cost would need to be covered out of pocket. I believe the organization may offer reimbursement for the exam upon successful completion, but I’m not certain about this. | | | | | | | |
| 18 | How does the education support your organization’s strategic goals as it relates to the advancement of healthcare risk management and patient safety?  Becoming CPHQ certified directly supports our organization’s mission to deliver the safest care and achieve zero preventable harm. This certification helps equip professionals with advanced knowledge in healthcare quality, risk management, and patient safety. | | | | | | | |
| 19 | Describe the potential impact of the education on your organization’s patient safety and risk management programs:  Earning the CPHQ certification will strengthen my ability to contribute meaningfully to our organization’s mission of delivering the safest care and achieving zero preventable harm. It will deepen my expertise in healthcare quality, risk management, and patient safety—areas that are essential to our strategic goal of becoming the #1 hospital for children. With this certification, I’ll be better equipped to lead and support initiatives that align with our core value of “doing the right thing, zero preventable harm to patients, staff, and visitors” ensuring that every decision and action I take helps protect our patients, staff, and visitors. Ultimately, this investment in my professional growth is a direct investment in the children who are counting on us every day. | | | | | | | |
| 20 | How does the education align with AEIX’s mission of “*To partner with forward-thinking healthcare leaders to safeguard assets, enhance patient safety, and inspire innovation” and vision of “Through our collective experience and unique expertise, we will provide the leading pathway for managing risk and improving safety in healthcare*”?  The CPHQ certification aligns closely with AEIX’s mission by empowering healthcare professionals like myself to not only deliver high-quality care but to ensure that care is delivered as safely as possible. This certification will enhance my confidence and competence in applying best practices in patient safety and risk management. | | | | | | | |

**ATTESTATION:**

**Yes, I (the applicant), attest to the notification of my organization’s Risk Management Leadership of this application and its content.**

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