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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).

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| 1 | Applicant Full **Name:** | Kay Burnett | | | | 2 | **Date** Application Completed: | 07/17/2025 |
| 3 | Applicant **Email:** | Kburnett1@valleychildrens.org | | | | 4 | **Title** of Applicant: | Executive Assistant II/Paralegal |
| 5 | Applicant’s Risk Management System Leader **Name:** | Nathan Powell | | | | 6 | **Title** of Applicant’s System Leader: | Vice President and Chief Risk Officer |
| 7 | Applicant’s Risk Management System Leader **Email:** | 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: | 7 | | | | 11 | Years in Risk Management or Patient Safety Role: | 4.5 |
| 12 | Education Requested: | ASHRM Membership and conference | | | | 13 | Cost of Education: | Estimate for ASHRM conference, certificate program, travel and hotel is $2,865.00 |
| 14 | Date of Education:  (when do you plan on completing the education?) | 2026 Annual Conference and pre conference certificate program | 15 | Where is the education located: | | ☐ Virtual *or*  City: Phoenix  State: Arizona | | |
| 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)* | | | | [ASHRM 2025 Annual Conference | ASHRM](https://www.ashrm.org/annual-conference) and ERM Certificate Program  Link is for the 2025 conference. 2026 is not available at this time, but will be similar in schedule and education. | | | |
| 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.)*  Organization has budgeted for one member of the risk team. That position is for our Chief Risk Officer | | | | | | | |
| 18 | How does the education support your organization’s strategic goals as it relates to the advancement of healthcare risk management and patient safety?  As a newer member of the risk team, this will allow me to build my skill set as it relates to enterprise risk management to be able to provide support to the hospital as a whole. | | | | | | | |
| 19 | Describe the potential impact of the education on your organization’s patient safety and risk management programs:  As a hospital that specializes in pediatric patients, there are special considerations that relate to risk and how the organization handles situations. Additional education and working towards my ERM Certification will allow for more collaboration and faster response times to risk matters and to help identify and mitigate risk more rapidly. | | | | | | | |
| 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*”?  As a member of the risk team, it is important to me that I be able to articulate how our team supports the hospital as a whole, to be able to identify risk before it becomes a patient safety issues, and to speak to staff outside of our team about the importance of risk factors so there too can keep those factors in mind to prevent patient harm. Increased responsibilities in my role in the ERM department, require being able to assess risk in real time and obtaining formal education (via the conference and certificate program), would assist in this area. As a paralegal for over 25 years, I can combine the knowledge in the legal field with education in risk management to layer that knowledge to ultimately reduce risk and improve patient outcomes. Should I have the opportunity to attend the conference and meet like-minded individuals with the risk management experience, I can gain knowledge and build connections that will help foster a pathway to improving safety in healthcare at our hospital and possibly beyond. | | | | | | | |

**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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