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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.
* In the event of missing or incomplete information, *if* the timeline allows, AEIX will send applications back to the member and request completion and/or clarification of the application.
* Blanks and/or incomplete information may result in disqualification if the deadline for application submission has passed.
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.

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**TIMELINE**

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| 1 | Applicant Full **Name:** | Sarah Pemble | 2 | **Date** Application Completed: | June 9, 2025 |
| 3 | Applicant **Email:** | spemble@sphealth.org | 4 | **Title** of Applicant: | Risk Analyst |
| 5 | Applicant’s Risk Management System Leader **Name:** | Michelle Rush | 6 | **Title** of Applicant’s System Leader: | Corporate Compliance and Risk Officer |
| 7 | Applicant’s Risk Management System Leader **Email:** | mrush@sphealth.org |
| 8 | Member Organization:(Name of the system) | St. Peter’s Health | 9 | Member Location:*Include full address* | 2475 E. Broadway StreetHelena, MT 59601 |
| 10 | Number of years applicant has been at the organization: | 14 years | 11 | Years in Risk Management or Patient Safety Role: | Less than a year |
| 12 | Education Requested: | 2026 ASHRM Conference costs, registration, hotel and airfare  | 13 | Cost of Education: | Estimate of $2500 |
| 14 | Date of Education:(when do you plan on completing the education?) | October 4-7, 2026 | 15 | Where is the education located: | ☐ Virtual *or*City: PhoenixState: 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 Annual Conference 2026 in Phoenix Convention Center](https://expofp.com/phoenix-convention-center/ashrm-annual-conference) |
| 17 | Does your organization have a reimbursement program in place for this type of education?  | [ ] Yes [x] 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.)*St. Peter’s Health is limiting unnecessary travel due to financial constraints. |
| 18 | How does the education support your organization’s strategic goals as it relates to the advancement of healthcare risk management and patient safety?St. Peter’s Health has an organizational strategic vision to serve every patient, every person, every time with exceptional hospitality, compassionate care and high-quality clinical outcomes. Advancing our risk management and patient safety program is aligned with this goal and despite increasingly strained financial resources system-wide, our Executive Leader Team has continued to expand labor resources devoted to this important work. Historically, St. Peter’s Health has only had one designated individual working in enterprise risk management; however in recent years, that was expanded to include a Patient Safety Officer and this year, my role as a Risk Analyst. Unfortunately, the decision has been made to limit travel expense due to strained financial resources. For me to have the opportunity as a new risk analyst to attend ASHRM in-person would be extremely helpful to advance my knowledge of best practices related to risk management and patient safety, as well as network with my peers across the country. This education would ensure I am doing my best for this organization and providing safety/risk prevention strategies. I am eager to put into practice what I will learn to help our organization stay safe in every sense of the word. |
| 19 | Describe the potential impact of the education on your organization’s patient safety and risk management programs:The impact to our health system would be extremely positive. If able to attend, I would prioritize general sessions focused on patient safety, claims/litigation, risk financing and foundational enterprise risk management sessions. I commit to taking detailed notes to bring back specific actionable items to improve patient safety and strategically mitigate risk. I would use this to help establish my professional goals for the following year. This education would be such a big help to our organization as a whole.  |
| 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*”?My understanding of ASHRM’s annual conference is that they are selective in choosing qualified, credible and forward-thinking speakers and the most relevant topics for healthcare risk managers. Financially supporting risk professionals, like myself, to attend ASHRM furthers AEIX’s mission by ensuring the current and upcoming generations are equipped to enhance patient safety and manage risk. Our collective experience and expertise is enhanced by active participation in conferences such as ASHRM. These continuing education credits will also help as I prepare to take the CPHRM exam next year. Thank you for your consideration.  |

**ATTESTATION:**

[x]  **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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