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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:** | Kimberly Bilskey | | | | 2 | **Date** Application Completed: | 7/11/25 |
| 3 | Applicant **Email:** | kbilskey@valleychildrens.org | | | | 4 | **Title** of Applicant: | Simulation Program Manager |
| 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 | | | | | | |
| 8 | Member Organization:  (Name of the system) | Valley Children's Healthcare | | | | 9 | Member Location:  *Include full address* | 9300 Valley Children’s Place  Madera, CA 93636 |
| 10 | Number of years applicant has been at the organization: | 20 | | | | 11 | Years in Risk Management or Patient Safety Role: | 10 |
| 12 | Education Requested: | International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare | | | | 13 | Cost of Education: | $5000.00 |
| 14 | Date of Education:  (when do you plan on completing the education?) | January 10-14, 2026 | 15 | Where is the education located: | | Virtual *or*  City: San Antonio  State: Texas | | |
| 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)* | | | | [IMSH 2026](https://imsh2026.org/) | | | |
| 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.)*  The organization reviews all conference and travel requests. They are approved based on organizational need and budget allotment. | | | | | | | |
| 18 | How does the education support your organization’s strategic goals as it relates to the advancement of healthcare risk management and patient safety?  The International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare (IMSH) is a scientific conference that explores the latest innovations and best practices in healthcare simulation. It provides the tools and resources healthcare professionals need to advance their skills and impact changes that support improved quality and patient safety. I would bring back the best practices in healthcare simulation to our Valley Children's Healthcare simulation and education teams so that they can be implemented supporting our strategic goals to be top 10% in clinical quality, be the most efficient provider of pediatric services, be the place where everyone can be their best and be the voice for children’s health. | | | | | | | |
| 19 | Describe the potential impact of the education on your organization’s patient safety and risk management programs:  Experiential learning is the most effective method for adult learners and results in a significant increase in content retention when compared to traditional teaching methodologies. Participants interact with a patient in planned scenarios preparing them for actual patient experiences. Simulation research has demonstrated that practice through simulated patient cases reduces error and improves patient outcomes when faced with real-time patient situations. Simulation, an industry standard, allows realistic practice techniques in a safe and harm-free environment. | | | | | | | |
| 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*”?  This conference shows current simulation technologies and teaching methodologies through hands-on workshops, lectures, keynote speakers and interactive vendor displays. By attending this conference, I can ensure I am up to date with the newest simulation equipment and learn new leadership, facilitation and operations techniques related to managing the simulation center at Valley Children’s Healthcare. | | | | | | | |

**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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