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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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**DEADLINE FOR AWARD APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY JULY 18th, 2025**

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**TIMELINE**

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| 1 | Applicant Full **Name:** | Megan Shirley | | | | 2 | **Date** Application Completed: | 7/14/2025 |
| 3 | Applicant **Email:** | mshirley@valleychildrens.org | | | | 4 | **Title** of Applicant: | Simulation Operations Specialist |
| 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 Hospital | | | | 9 | Member Location:  *Include full address* | 9300 Valley Children's Pl, Madera, CA 93636 |
| 10 | Number of years applicant has been at the organization: | 1 | | | | 11 | Years in Risk Management or Patient Safety Role: | 1 |
| 12 | Education Requested: | SimGHOST Conference 2026 | | | | 13 | Cost of Education: | 4500 |
| 14 | Date of Education:  (when do you plan on completing the education?) | TBD | 15 | Where is the education located: | | ☐ Virtual *or*  City: TBD  State: TBD | | |
| 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://simghosts.org/page/SG25USA\_Registration | | | |
| 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 has a set education and travel fund used for the entirety of the organization. This grant will allow for continued education across the hospital for individuals that do not have access to this kind of opportunity. | | | | | | | |
| 18 | How does the education support your organization’s strategic goals as it relates to the advancement of healthcare risk management and patient safety?  This education will allow us to expand the simulation program and create new learning opportunities for our staff. It will increase the realism in our simulations and give us tools and information to create new scenarios that were not possible before. It will allow us to collaborate with other professionals to see their methods of teaching patient safety and allow us to bring what we know to the community. | | | | | | | |
| 19 | Describe the potential impact of the education on your organization’s patient safety and risk management programs:  This will allow collaboration with other professionals to learn how they simulate their traumas and hospital related conditions. There will be seminars on how to increase realism and give insight to the current trends and information in the community. | | | | | | | |
| 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 is all about innovation and creating new paths for simulation and teaching patient safety. It will allow us to discover new ideas for our simulation program and to solve problems that we have been facing in our own program. It will allow us to collaborate with other professionals to make our simulation program the best we can be to educate our staff and prevent harm within our organization. | | | | | | | |

**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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