



Scholarship information

We are pleased to announce the Creighton University Emerging Leader in Healthcare Scholarship opportunity for the 2026 Arizona Hospital Leadership Conference, taking place on Oct. 21-23 in Tucson, Ariz. This scholarship supports emerging and dedicated professionals working in underserved healthcare settings to attend this premier statewide event.

About the Creighton University Emerging Leader in Healthcare Scholarship

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Creighton University will award two scholarships, up to \$2,500 each, to selected applicants to cover conference registration and assist with travel and accommodations during the conference. Conference registration and hotel accommodations will be managed by AzHHA, and travel expenses will be reimbursed. Meals are provided as part of the event. The goal of this scholarship is to promote leadership development, professional growth and the exchange of innovative practices among healthcare professionals across the state of Arizona.

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must meet all the following qualifications:

- Currently employed in an AzHHA member hospital or AzHHA member healthcare organization that serves an underserved population or system (e.g., rural, safety-net, community health or resource-limited environments)
- Have a minimum of two (2) years of experience in healthcare
- Demonstrated strong leadership potential and a commitment to improving health outcomes
- Be nominated by a supervisor, manager or organizational leader, with a supporting letter of recommendation
- Have not previously attended the AzHHA Foundation Arizona Hospital Leadership Conference

Application requirements

To be considered, applicants must submit:

- 1. Completed application form**
- 2. Letter of nomination/recommendation** from a manager or organizational leader
- 3. Personal statement** (up to 200-word limit) describing:
 - Commitment to underserved populations or systems
 - Leadership experience and future goals
 - How attending the conference will benefit their work and community

Selection criteria

Applications will be reviewed by a Creighton University scholarship committee based on:

- Demonstrated commitment to serving underserved populations
- Leadership potential and professional growth trajectory
- Strength of nomination/recommendation
- Commitment to attend the conference in full (starting at 8 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, through 12 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23), with a room reservation available beginning Wednesday night, Oct. 21

Important dates

APPLICATION OPENS	APPLICATION DEADLINE	NOTIFICATION OF AWARD
JULY 1, 2026	AUG. 30, 2026	SEPT. 15, 2026

Application

Please submit all application materials via one PDF document to:

MemberServices@azhha.org

Questions?

Email Laura Dickscheid, vice president of member services, at

MemberServices@azhha.org.

We encourage passionate and committed healthcare professionals to apply and take advantage of this opportunity to grow, lead and connect with peers from across the state.



CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Creighton University Emerging Leader in Healthcare

Section 1: Applicant information

- Full name: _____
- Job title: _____
- Organization/employer (must be an AzHHA member hospital or AzHHA member healthcare organization): _____
- Work setting (e.g., rural clinic, safety-net hospital, public health):

- City/state: _____
- Email address: _____
- Phone number: _____

Section 2: Eligibility confirmation

Place a check mark next to each of the following statements that are true for you:

- I work in an AzHHA member hospital or AzHHA member healthcare organization that serves an underserved population of system.
- I have at least two years of experience in healthcare.
- I have not previously attended the AzHHA Foundation's Arizona Hospital Leadership Conference.
- I am not a current participant in the Healthcare Leadership Academy.
- I will submit a nomination letter from a manager or leader.
- If I am a scholarship recipient, I can and will attend the entire conference. Conference sessions run from 8 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, through 12 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, with a room reservation available beginning Wednesday night, Oct. 21.

Section 5: Nomination information

- Nominator name: _____
 - Title/role: _____
 - Organization: _____
 - Email address: _____
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Section 6: Attachments

- Nomination letter attached (please upload within your PDF file)
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Section 7: Certification

I certify that the information provided is accurate and complete.

- Signature: _____
- Date: _____

Please note: Recipients of this scholarship are selected through a holistic review process by faculty of Creighton University. Scholarship recipients will receive accommodations, conference registration and related travel expenses totaling no more than \$2,500.

Submission instructions

Submit all materials to: MemberServices@azhha.org

Deadline: Aug. 30, 2026
