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**New Scholarship for CHHR Examination**

CHICAGO – FEBRUARY 3 2016 – The American Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration (ASHHRA), a professional membership group of the American Hospital Association (AHA), has announced a scholarship opportunity that provides a voucher to cover the cost of registration for the Certified in Healthcare Human Resources (CHHR) examination. The purpose of this new ASHHRA member benefit is to provide financial assistance to eligible CHHR candidates.

“The CHHR credential represents the impactful knowledge that health care human resources (HR) professionals glean through years of experience in the field. Certification shows that the holder has demonstrated a mastery of health care HR knowledge and, through maintenance of certification, is committed to staying informed of new developments in this ever-evolving field. We are delighted to provide the CHHR exam scholarship and hope to encourage ASHHRA members to take the exam and distinguish themselves in health care HR,” says ASHHRA board President Kristen M. Fox, MBA, CHHR, SPHR.

Administered by the AHA Certification Center (AHA-CC), the CHHR certification examination is based on the five HR Leader Model competencies: 1) Healthcare Business Knowledge, 2) HR Delivery, 3) Community Citizenship, 4) People Strategies and 5) Personal Leadership. The exam itself is composed of 100 scored items, with an additional 10 unscored items used to collect data. The unscored questions are not identified. The examination can be taken electronically throughout the nation or in paper and pencil format.

To learn more about the CHHR exam or the scholarship, visit [www.ashhra.org/certification](http://www.ashhra.org/certification) or by calling (312) 422-3720.

**About ASHHRA**

Founded in 1964, the American Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration (ASHHRA) is a personal membership group of the American Hospital Association (AHA) and has more than 3100 members nationwide. ASHHRA leads the way for members to become more effective, valued, and credible leaders in health care human resources. As the foremost authority in health care human resources, ASHHRA provides timely and critical support through research, learning and knowledge sharing, professional development, products and resources, and provides opportunities for networking and collaboration. ASHHRA offers the only certification distinguishing health care human resource professionals, the Certified in Healthcare Human Resources (CHHR).

**About the AHA Certification Center**

The American Hospital Association Certification Center (AHA-CC) was created in 1999 to develop and manage certification programs first released in 2000. The AHA-CC is staffed with experts in certification (test development and administration) and contracts with Applied Measurement Professionals, Inc. (AMP) for their psychometric expertise in exam development and administration, among other services. The AHA-CC has also contracted with other organizations to develop and manage their certification programs. Though now managed by their own staff, the Health Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS) contracted with AHA-CC for two years to develop and launch their certification program. American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE) has retained the AHA-CC since 2007 to develop and manage two certification programs for nurse executives and leaders. [For more information on the Certification Center](#)