



## 2009 VIRGINIA NEAL EDUCATION GRANT

### **Background and Introduction**

The Board of the Virginia Association of Healthcare Quality established the Virginia Neal Educational Grant in 2006 for deserving VAHQ members who are pursuing certification in healthcare quality. The Grant is a one-time award, in an amount equivalent to the cost of taking the CPHQ examination.

The Grant was created to honor Virginia Neal and her many contributions to VAHQ, its members, and to the healthcare quality community. Over her distinguished career, Virginia Neal was devoted to promoting ongoing education for healthcare quality professionals. During her term as President of VAHQ, she facilitated the implementation of the first Healthcare Quality Management Review course through the Association; offering Virginia healthcare quality professionals the opportunity to attend a CPHQ Review Course in their own state. In recognition of her many contributions and lifelong love of learning, and in honor of her retirement from healthcare quality, the Virginia Neal Educational Grant was launched October 13, 2006.

### **Eligibility and Selection Criteria**

To be eligible, applicants must be:

- A current member of the VAHQ, for at least two or more years
- Currently employed in a healthcare related field
- Planning to take the CPHQ examination within the next year

Active participation in VAHQ and financial need are the basis for selection priorities. The following priorities are considered in order to determine the Grant recipient from among multiple qualified applicants:

- First priority given to applicants with no other source of payment (i.e., employer will not pay)
- Second priority given to applicants who have served on a Committee or on the Board in the past
- Third priority is given to applicants who have attended VAHQ sponsored events (Educational Conference, CPHQ Review Course, other events)
- Fourth priority given applicants who have been a VAHQ member the longest

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[Please See Application Form on next page](#)



## 2009 VIRGINIA NEAL EDUCATION GRANT Application Form

To apply for the grant, please complete the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

# Years VAHQ Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Volunteer or previous Board involvement (please list):

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Contributions to VAHQ Newsletter? (please list):

\_\_\_\_\_

Attended previous VAHQ Annual Education Conferences? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Year(s) Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Attended previous CPHQ Review Course? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Year Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Deadline for applications is September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.**

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