The following recommendations are intended to provide you ways in which your request for employer funding can be amplified and hopefully accepted so that you can attend convention.

**Requests, Recommendations, and Considerations:**

- Download and modify the letter for Professionals to best reflect the return on investment (ROI) to your specific company
  - Address the specific person to whom the letter is being sent
  - Sign the letter before sending
- Present your attendance at the Convention as an opportunity for growth
  - You will have met with top industry leaders, attended robust professional and leadership development sessions, and joined high-impact networking events by the time you leave National Convention
  - You will be able to discuss Diversity & Inclusion with more understanding and bring ideas back to your company
- Research as to whether your company has designated funds for professional development
  - Communicate, in the letter, what the amount available is
- Recruit for your company while attending
  - Your company can sponsor, exhibit, recruit, interview, and screen and you can provide onsite support for your company as well as attend sessions

**General Convention Information for Professionals:**

We recommend requesting manager support for your travel, meals, and lodging (approximately $1,000 - $1500 depending on your location) and registration fee ($235 before September 30, and $310 starting October 1) as well as the time off so you can arrive for registration by mid-afternoon on Wednesday, Nov 2.

SHPE Professional Registration Information can be found at: [http://shpe.org/register-2022](http://shpe.org/register-2022)

SHPE National Convention Information can be found at: [https://www.shpe.org/2022](https://www.shpe.org/2022)

For questions about Membership, please contact membership@shpe.org

For questions about Sponsor Opportunities, please contact exhibits@shpe.org

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