

## Chapter Excellence Information

The **Chapter Excellence Award** is designed to recognize and reward local AAHAM chapters for excellence in pursuing the goals of the American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management. For the purpose of this award program, excellence is defined as outstanding, innovative and balanced performance in:

- Programs and activities in support of AAHAM's mission
- Education programs
- Professional development
- Membership development

From the Hawkeye Highlights fall edition it was noted that the Iowa Hawkeye Chapter tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. This was our first time our chapter has filled out the application. The more I gathered information for the application the more I found that most of the activities we already do or have done. It's just a job of tracking and reporting, but also there were a few items we have not done. It's just a matter of setting a goal and completing the task. The application is divided into four sections. The first is Programs. Programs are articles published in the national newsletter, being a part of the national board of directors and involvement in Government and Legislative issues.

The second section is Education. This is workshops, seminars and publishing our local chapter's newsletter.

Third is Professional Development. Professional Development is growth from certification programs including professional and technical. Study sessions for the CPAT and CCAT are also included in this category.

The last section is Subjective Chapter Activities. Social activities are included in this section along with charity work.

The application is available on the National AAHAM website at [www.aaham.org](http://www.aaham.org). Any activities that anyone has done or has ideas for please let me know. From completing the application I found it is much easier to gather information as you do then to do it all at once. I believe our chapter can come in first place in our division and with your help or suggestions we can do it.

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