



Infection Prevention

In Hospitals & Healthcare Facilities

LHA Trust Funds has made some changes to the Safety Star award project and criteria, so **please read the entire overview.**

WHAT IS SAFETY STAR?

Each year, LHA Trust Funds presents three outstanding healthcare facilities with the Safety Star Award - a public acknowledgment of their commitment to quality and patient safety.

Since the award's creation a decade ago, LHA Trust Funds has bestowed the Safety Star award onto 27 Louisiana healthcare facilities along with \$270,000 in monetary prizes, inspiring providers to develop innovative ideas that support patient health from year to year.

In 2021, we are shifting the Safety Star's focus to projects impacting infection prevention in healthcare facilities. If your facility can demonstrate improved patient or visitor safety due to an infection prevention project, you are eligible to apply!

Winners of the Safety Star Award receive recognition at the LHA Winter Conference, paid conference registration and expenses for the CEO/Administrator, \$10,000 cash award and paid conference registration and expenses for a designee to attend American Society of Healthcare Risk Management (ASHRM).

2021 CALL FOR ENTRIES

August 16 - Program Rollout

October 29 - Final Deadline

December 6 - Announce Winners

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

- Applicant must be a member of the LHATF.
- Application submitted by the deadline.
- The project must be a specific infection prevention improvement process related to professional or general liability.
- Project or initiative must have been conducted and completed between **January 2020 - March 2021.**
- Project or initiative achieved positive measurable outcomes.



<https://bit.ly/safetystar2021>



MALPRACTICE

GENERAL LIABILITY

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

SAFETY STAR AWARD PROJECT CRITERIA

Your project initiative must be related to infection prevention. The organization must be able to demonstrate positive outcomes in patient or visitor safety as a result of the project. Projects are not limited to COVID-19 but can involve the prevention of any infection control risk.

Examples of the types of projects you should consider include but are not limited to:

- **Technological improvements or the use of technology**, clinical/quality patient care improvements related to infection prevention.
- **Any systematic change or improvement in processes** that has reduced the risk of spreading infections or improved performance, quality or efficiencies related to infection prevention.
- **Any initiative that improves the quality of patient care** and reduces harm related to infection prevention.

ABOUT YOUR PROJECT

The Louisiana Hospital Association Malpractice and General Liability Trust Fund Safety Star Award will recognize three facilities who have successfully implemented ideas or processes that have improved infection prevention within your organization. This project can involve technology, process changes, or new processes used to reduce the spread of infection.

Your project is required to have data from quantifiable measurable outcomes to determine whether an improvement resulted from the interventions taken to address the identified problem.

All applications should include outcomes data to show sustained improvements in quality or safety over a designated period.

The types of projects that should be considered for nomination includes those that have resulted in reduced errors, reduced risks to patient or visitor safety, performance improvement, or improvements in quality of care related to infection prevention.

NOMINATION PROCESS

This is a self-nomination process. A successful submission will identify the objective and goals of the project and document the related outcomes. To be considered for an award, organizations should complete the related application form. In completing the application, special attention should be paid to addressing each component requested. A copy of the fillable PDF application form is located on our website: www.lhatrustfunds.com.

All applications received by the deadline will be first reviewed by LHA Trust Funds in accordance with the Qualification Criteria. To qualify for the award, applications must meet all the criteria listed in the Qualification Criteria, including a project conducted and completed between **January 2020 - March 2021**. Applications that do not meet all criteria will be rejected and not scored.

All applications that meet the Qualification Criteria will be de-identified and scored by an independent reviewer using a competitive scoring process and related score sheets that speak to the criteria below:

- Problem (project) identification
- Methodology for problem (project) identification
- Goals/Objectives
- Project Strategy
- Project Design & Implementation
- Outcomes Measurement
- Goal Achievement



EXCLUSIONS

Awards will not be given for:

- Submissions directly related to employee safety improvements.
- Projects that have been completed **before January 2020**.
- Projects that cannot demonstrate positive measurable outcomes over a designated period using internal data.