Dear [name of the employer],

I have an enriching professional development opportunity, and I am writing to you for funding approval to [join/continue] my membership with the [Canadian Health Libraries Association/Association des bibliothèques de la santé du Canada (CHLA/ABSC](https://chla-absc.ca/)).

The [CHLA/ABSC](https://chla-absc.ca/) is the only national health library professional association that can provide me with different resources to help advance my career and expand my knowledge and skills. Being a member of this national association is the right step for me to achieve my professional career goals [List your career goals that align with the organization's strategic plan] and be better equipped to address the challenges of the evolving health information landscape and technology, and the library users’ information needs. The list below highlights some of the benefits of membership.

Professional Development Opportunities

* Access to training and professional development opportunities for free or with a discount
* Opportunities to attend workshops, webinars, and an annual conference to enhance my skills and knowledge for a reduced registration fee
* Eligibility to volunteer to serve on a CHLA/ABSC committee or task force at the national level to gain leadership experience

 Awards and Funding Opportunities

* Eligibility to apply for Professional Development, Research, and Annual Conference Grants
* Eligibility to be nominated for Awards or nominate a colleague to be recognized for their contribution to the profession

Networking Opportunities

* Access to a network of professionals in my field
* Opportunities to connect with peers and colleagues at events and conferences with a reduced registration fee
* Opportunities to participate in Special Interest Groups, which allow members with a shared interest in advancing a specific area of Health Librarianship to meet, discuss, and learn together
* Opportunities to stay up-to-date on the latest trends and developments in Health Librarianship
* Access to the CHLA/ABSC quarterly eNews

The regular annual membership fee is only CAN$160, which is relatively low compared to other health professional associations. For example, the Medical Library Association membership fee is USD $225/year for introductory membership, the Premium Membership for the Canadian Nurses Association is CAN$180/year, the Hospital Pharmacist Membership is CAN$379/year from the Ontario Pharmacists Association. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks for your support,

Sincerely,

[Your name]