



January 2026

PRIMA Awards

Be recognized: Apply for a 2026 PRIMA Award



Each year during PRIMA's Annual Conference, PRIMA celebrates individuals and public entities that have made exceptional contributions to the public risk management profession. **This is a time to honor your hard work on behalf of your organization and the communities you serve!**

The 2026 awards will be presented during the PRIMA Awards Program and Luncheon on **Monday, June 8, 2026** in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

PRIMA members who have developed innovative programs or products or demonstrated an outstanding commitment to public sector risk management are invited to apply for the following awards:

- Public Risk Manager of the Year Award
- Outstanding Achievement for Public Risk Management Program
- Outstanding Achievement for a Public Risk Management Product
- Outstanding Achievement for an Intergovernmental Risk Pool Program or Product
- Outstanding Achievement for Enterprise Risk Management

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

The application deadline is February 27, 2026

Nominate your chapter or a chapter colleague for a PRIMA Chapter Award



PRIMA is also accepting nominations for two awards that recognize exemplary chapters and individual chapter members.

Chapter Recognition Award

The PRIMA Chapter Recognition Award honors a PRIMA chapter's newsletter, program, website, networking opportunities, or any chapter activity deemed by a panel of judges to be the worthiest of recognition.

[Download an application](#)

Chapter Service Award

Additionally, PRIMA honors members of state chapters for their hard work, commitment, and service. If you know a colleague who you believe deserves recognition, nominate them for this prestigious award.

[Download an application](#)

Recipients of the Chapter Recognition and Chapter Service Awards will be recognized during the PRIMA Awards Program and Luncheon during the Annual Conference on Monday, June 8th, in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

The application deadline for both awards is February 27, 2026.

PRIMA Scholarships

Apply for a 2026 PRIMA Annual Conference scholarship



PRIMA is dedicated to empowering your career growth and ongoing education by offering multiple conference scholarships annually. Don't miss your chance - **apply now for the opportunity to attend PRIMA26 in Fort Lauderdale, June 7-10, 2026.**

The annual conference scholarship enables risk management professionals lacking company financial support to have the opportunity to attend the annual conference.

Scholarships opportunities available:

- Annual Conference Scholarship
- Non-Risk Scholarship
- Small Entity Scholarship
- Tribal Scholarship

What's included?

Each scholarship is valued at more than \$1,500 and includes:

- Complimentary full conference registration
 - Pre-conference sessions, seminars, and guest registration are not included.
 - Accomodations will be provided at a conference hotel of PRIMA's choice.
- Three-night hotel stay in Fort Lauderdale, FL
- \$250 stipend to help offset travel expenses

Criteria

- Must meet the scholarship type description
- Demonstrate financial need
- **Current resume**

The deadline to apply is February 16, 2026. For more information and to apply, [click here.](#)

Now accepting 2026 PRIMA student scholarship applications



Students studying risk management, public policy, public administration, economics, business, human resources, or related fields are encouraged to apply for PRIMA's 2026 Annual Conference Student Scholarship for a chance to attend the 46th Annual Conference, June 7–10, 2026, in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Recipients receive complimentary registration, meals, lodging, transportation, mentorship opportunities, and a one-year PRIMA student membership with access to exclusive resources.

Students studying risk management, public policy, public administration, economics, business, human resources, or related fields are encouraged to apply. **Applications are due February 16, 2026.**

[Learn more](#)

The Student Scholarships are proudly sponsored by



Upcoming PRIMA Education opportunities

You don't need to be a PRIMA member to participate in PRIMA's events. However, you'll save on the cost of registration if your entity or organization is a PRIMA member.

Sign up for PRIMA's Emerging Tech & Risk Symposium



Explore how Artificial Intelligence (AI), cybersecurity, and data privacy are reshaping public risk management at PRIMA's Emerging Tech and Risk Symposium!

This three-day virtual symposium will provide critical insights and strategies to help you mitigate risks and maximize the benefits of emerging technologies within your entity.

[Learn more and register](#)

Enhance your leadership skills at PRIMA Leadership Academy



Registration is now open for PLA, taking place March 3-4, 2026, in Alexandria, VA. This two-day program is designed for public risk professionals seeking to strengthen their leadership capacity. Participants will learn to diagnose challenges, mobilize stakeholders, and navigate complex issues with agility.

PLA26 will feature a new instructor and expanded content!

[Register](#)

Upcoming PRIMA webinars

Jan. 21 webinar: Should We Get AI To Do That? Applying the NIST AI Framework to Potential AI Use



2026 WEBINAR SERIES 

PRIMA'S JANUARY WEBINAR


Should We Get AI To Do That?
Applying the NIST AI Framework
to Potential AI Use
JANUARY 21 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET

SPEAKER:
Kelvin Coleman, Managing Director, Route 2 Strategies



Artificial Intelligence has demonstrated significant value in enhancing individual efficiency and effectiveness. However, the question arises: should we seek to minimize our reliance on AI, or should we embrace its use to the fullest extent possible? We will analyze the question through the lens of the NIST AI Risk Management Framework (AI RMF), a comprehensive guideline that assists organizations in identifying, assessing, managing, and monitoring the risks posed by artificial intelligence.

[Register](#)

Other PRIMA Education opportunities

Enhance your professional skills in 2026 with live and on-demand ARM courses



PRIMA has partnered with The Risk Management Study Group to waive registration fees for the ARM™ Video Course series

[Click on this waiver link](#) to register for both on-demand and LIVE courses.

2026 LIVE Course Calendar

Below is the calendar with the courses that will be taught each exam window for January 2026. Sessions are held from 5:30 – 7:00 pm PST on the night indicated

Exam Window	ARM™ Courses - 8 weeks	CPCU® Courses – 6 weeks
	Tuesday Nights	Thursday Nights
Jan 15 – Mar 15	400	540
Apr 15 – Jun 15	401	530
July 15 – Sept. 15	402	551
Oct 15 – Dec 15	400	552

Bring PRIMA's ERM training to your office



Take your team's risk management skills to the next level - without the hassle of travel. PRIMA's In-House ERM Training delivers expert-led professional development tailored to your organization's needs, whether virtually or on-site.

With customized content, flexible scheduling, and industry-leading instructors, PRIMA makes it easy to strengthen your risk management strategy.

[Get started](#)

Additional PRIMA resources

Please check out [PRIMA's website](#) to learn more about additional educational opportunities and resources available.

PRIMA membership

The Public Risk Management Association (PRIMA) is the one-stop resource for education and training, risk resources, and networking opportunities for public sector risk managers.

For more information about PRIMA membership, please contact Paul Gerard, Manager of Membership, at (703) 253-1266 or membership@primacentral.org.

Please also check out PRIMA's [membership brochure](#).

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