**CERTIFICATION/EDUCATION UPDATES WITH LINKS YOU CAN USE**

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**“8 ways to fund your training” link found on the Cleveland SRHM website:**

<http://www.clevelandshrm.com/docs/8_ways_to_fund_training.pdf>

NOTE: All State Council Members (CLA, Board, Chapter Presidents) are also eligible for funding from the Ohio State Council to support your own professional growth/HR certification (up to $500/yr).

* Go to: [www.ohioshrm.org](http://www.ohioshrm.org)
* Log in (contact Mike Medoro if needed)
* Hover over “My Ohio SHRM” and Click “My downloadable documents”
* Click the folder for “Chapter Initiatives and Professional Development”
* Complete the form and send as indicated.

**From the Ohio SHRM website “HR Resources“ link, information on certification prep, education, and the SHRM Learning System:**

<http://www.ohioshrm.org/hr-links.cfm>

**From the Columbus area, the HRACO Chapter offers two certification PHR/SPHR preparation courses each year, one in the spring (March/April) and another in the fall (October/November) prior to the exam windows of May 1 – June 30 and December 1 – January 31:**

<http://www.hraco.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=22>

**From the Cleveland SHRM website, information on SHRM Learning System study groups offered for certification prep (to be update for Fall):**

<http://www.clevelandshrm.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=46&Itemid=97>

**And similarly for the Cincinnati GCHRA Chapter:**

<http://gchra.shrm.org/study-groups>

**HRCI blog with 50+ Q & A’s on “New system, new updates”:**

<http://www.hrci.org/certified-community/blog-archive/recert-connection/2014/03/19/q-a-recertification-new-system-new-updates-part-ii>

**2014 HRCI exam deadlines (PHR, SPHR, GPHR), with Spring extended deadline being April 30th:**

<http://www.hrci.org/apply/fees-and-deadlines/2014-exam-deadlines>