

Subject: Request to Attend VMUG Connect for Professional Development

Hi [Boss's Name],

I am requesting approval to attend the VMUG Connect event on April 23–25 in St. Louis, Missouri, at a cost of \$375. This event offers an excellent opportunity to enhance my skills and stay updated on VMware technologies and best practices, which are critical to our team's success.

The **VMUG Connect** event will feature expert-led sessions, hands-on labs, and networking opportunities with other VMware professionals. This aligns perfectly with our current and upcoming projects, particularly [mention any relevant projects or initiatives].

As you may know, I have the paid VMUG membership, VMUG Advantage, with this paid membership, I also receive bonus perks at VMUG Connect while enjoying a discounted rate of 25%.

Here are a few key reasons why I believe attending would be beneficial for both my professional development and the team:

- **Networking:** I'll have the chance to connect with industry experts and fellow Advantage members, which could help us build valuable relationships and partnerships.
- **New Knowledge:** The event covers the latest VMware updates and best practices, which could directly improve our current workflows and help us stay ahead of potential challenges.
- **Practical Skills:** Hands-on labs and technical sessions will allow me to deepen my expertise in VMware products, which I can then apply to our day-to-day tasks.

As a paid VMUG member, VMUG is offering special perks at this event, including:

- **Meet & Greet Opportunities:** Enjoy one-on-one time with top speakers, providing the chance to build valuable connections that can benefit our organization.
- **Cost-Effective:** The event is an excellent investment, combining learning, networking, and hands-on experience—all at a discounted Advantage member rate of \$375.

I believe the insights and skills I'll gain from this event will enable me to contribute even more effectively to the team's goals and help us stay ahead of industry trends.

Please let me know if you'd like more details or if you have any questions. I'm happy to discuss further.

Thank you for considering this opportunity!

Best regards,
[Your Name]