



2016 Rural Health Awards

General Information

The WV Rural Health Conference celebrates the accomplishments of outstanding individuals and organizations in the field of rural health each year. Recipients are chosen through a nomination process and will be awarded at the WV Rural Health Conference Annual Awards Luncheon on October 20, 2016 at 12:30 pm at Chief Logan Lodge Conference Center.

These awards are granted to individuals or organizations deserving of recognition for their rural health efforts in West Virginia. In addition, the awards may be granted to an individual in a non-health related position, who has carried out exemplary work in promoting health in rural areas; i.e., a physical education teacher who has adopted a unique approach to addressing physical inactivity within their classroom; a minister or faith-based person leading a healthy lifestyle program with a rural congregation; or a private entrepreneur who developed a unique software/app to impact healthy behaviors.

WV Rural Health Association Award for Excellence in Rural Health

This award is given to an individual or organization in recognition of exceptionally meritorious contributions to the improvement of health to the people in rural West Virginia. It honors creative work of particular effectiveness in applying knowledge or innovative organizational work to the betterment of community health.

Individuals/organizations nominated for the award will have made significant and well recognized contributions to the improvement of rural health in West Virginia.

Outstanding Rural Health Provider of the Year

This award recognizes a direct service provider who has exhibited outstanding leadership in the improvement of health care services to the rural areas of West Virginia. The nominees can include, but are not limited to, physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and nurse midwives.

Outstanding Rural Health Student of the Year

This award recognizes extraordinary student initiated and performed activity demonstrated within the field of rural health. The nominee will have significant accomplishments in rural health. Efforts may include clinical, infrastructure development, research, promotional or volunteer activities.



NOMINATION FORM

Award Nomination Category (Please select one)

- WV Rural Health Association Award for Excellence in Rural Health
- Outstanding Rural Health Provider of the Year
- Outstanding Rural Health Student of the Year

1. Person Submitting Nomination: _____

2. Phone: _____

3. Nominee Name & Credentials: _____

4. Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

5. Office Phone: _____ Home or Cell Phone: _____

6. Nominee's Position & Organization: _____

7. Representative of Nominee: _____
(for Organizational & Community Nominees)

8. Counties affected by Nominee's Work: _____

9. Include no more than a **two-page double-spaced** justification as to why this person/organization should receive the award. Also please include a short one paragraph bio to be included in awards booklet if nominee is chosen.

Deadline for nominations is **Thursday, September 1, 2016**. Send the completed form and any supporting documents to: Patti Crawford, WVRHC Awards Committee Chair, C/O WVRHA PO Box 2073, Shady Springs, WV 25918 or by email to debrinwvrha@gmail.com.