

2019 CONFERENCE
OUTSTANDING RURAL & PUBLIC HEALTH AWARDS

Deadline for Submission: Noon, Friday, February 1, 2019

*****Submit by email to kylie.nissen@und.edu or fax to 701-777-6779*****

Please consider making your nominations early for the 2019 Dakota Conference on Rural and Public Health.

Seven awardees will be honored at the 2019 Dakota Conference on Rural and Public Health. The health professional awards are "*Outstanding Rural Health Provider*," "*Outstanding Rural Health Professional*," "*Outstanding Rural Health Program*," "*Outstanding Rural Educator/Mentor*," "*Outstanding Rural Health Volunteer Award*," "*Emerging Rural Leader*," and "*Legislator of the Year*." The purpose of this memo is to encourage you to "toot your own horn" and nominate those who you work with, whom you believe deserving of this statewide recognition.

The **Outstanding Rural Health Provider Award** will be presented to a health care provider (e.g. physician, nurse, dentist, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, dietician, etc.), who practice in rural North Dakota, and is unselfishly committed to improving the health of their community and service area.

The **Outstanding Rural Health Professional Award** will be presented to a professional (e.g. manager, administrator, director, legislator, etc.) located in rural North Dakota, who has demonstrated leadership in the delivery of rural health services, and is unselfishly committed to making a significant and sustained impact on the health of their community and service area.

The **Outstanding Rural Health Program Award** will be presented to a program that delivers services in innovative ways through collaborative partnerships to improve the access and quality of care to rural North Dakota residents. Individual programs and/or overall organizations/facilities are eligible for the award.

The **Outstanding Rural Health Volunteer Award** will be presented to a community member who has unselfishly committed their energy, time and skills to improve the health of their rural North Dakota community. Nominees must be volunteers; however if a nominee receives a small stipend or reimbursement for supplies, travel, etc. they are still eligible for this award.

The **Outstanding Rural Educator/Mentor Award** will be presented to a professional who has made outstanding contributions to the education, development and placement of new health care professionals in rural North Dakota communities. Academic educators, community-based instructors and preceptors are eligible for this award.

The **Emerging Rural Leader Award** will be presented to a new professional who has demonstrated tremendous promise for and commitment to improving the health of rural North Dakota residents. Nominees must have five years or less experience serving in a rural community.

The **Legislator of the Year Award** recognizes an outstanding North Dakota legislator, congressional representative, or legislative aid for his/her work and support of rural and public health initiatives that address an identified need in his/her district. Criteria used to select this award recipient includes: introduces or supports an existing piece of legislation that addresses an identified rural or public health need or issue; demonstrates leadership in the community; and incorporates community input into the planning process.

If you have nominated an individual or a program in a prior year, and that individual or program did not receive an award, please consider doing so again. Each year many worthy nominations are made but only one award per category can be distributed. It seems a shame that some very worthy nominees are only nominated once. The Nomination Committee strongly encourages re-submissions. Persistence can yield dividends.

Individuals, who nominate a selected awardee will be responsible for coordinating a very brief video that demonstrates why the awardee is deserving of the award and gives them the opportunity to make an acceptance speech. The video also gives the awardee an opportunity to speak to their work; and thank and acknowledge colleagues, family, etc. Video footage, recorded locally, will be sent to the Center for Rural Health (CRH) and staff will edit to create a 3-5 minute video that will be shown at the awards banquet. *Please don't let this deter you from making a nomination* - CRH staff will work with you to provide assistance and ideas, as needed, on how to best capture the video footage.

The awards will be presented at the Dakota Conference on Rural and Public Health, which will be held June 12, 2019 at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Minot, North Dakota. Deadline for submission of award nominations is noon on Friday, February 1, 2019. If you do not receive notification within that we have received your application, please contact Kylie at 701-777-5380 or kylie.nissen@und.edu.

A listing of past award recipients and videos from last year's conference may be found on the Dakota Conference website at <https://ruralhealth.und.edu/dakota-conference/awards-archive>.

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 Applications will not be accepted after the noon deadline for any categories that we have received nominations for.*

Please Check Category of Award:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Rural Health Provider | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Rural Health Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Rural Health Professional | <input type="checkbox"/> Emerging Rural Leader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Rural Educator/Mentor | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislator of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Rural Health Program | |

Nominee

Name: _____ Degree: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Position: _____

Submitted By

Name: _____ Degree: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Position: _____

You will also need to complete and submit the following with this Nomination Form:

1. In 500 words or less, provide a summary supporting your nomination.
2. Three additional letters of support (required). *If more than three letters of support are submitted, only three will be reviewed. It is recommended that the three letters give diverse perspectives of the nominee.*

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How to Submit a Rural Health Award Nomination to the Dakota Conference on Rural and Public Health

This document serves as a tool for you when developing a nomination for the Dakota Conference on Rural and Public Health Rural Health Awards.

Letter of Support

- Look for people who will be able to provide different perspectives on the person you are nominating. For example, a coworker, someone they volunteer with, and someone who supervises them.
- Share what makes the nominee unique. Do they always show up early or stay late? Do they go the extra mile to make someone's day? Share their strengths, talents and abilities; what YOU see that makes them a great nominee. Think diligence, punctuality, leadership, reliability, enthusiasm, creativity, independence, teamwork, organization, etc.
- Give examples. By compiling a list of reasons your nominee should be selected, you help build credibility and further demonstrate why the person is deserving of the award.

Nomination

- Read the award description and break it into pieces, then build your nomination around those items.
 - For example: The Outstanding Rural Health Professional Award will be presented to a professional located in rural North Dakota, who has demonstrated leadership in the delivery of rural health services, and is unselfishly committed to making a significant and sustained impact on the health of their community and service area.
 - How has this person demonstrated leadership in the delivery of rural health services?
 - How has this person unselfishly committed themselves to making a significant impact?
- Give examples. By compiling a list of reasons your nominee should be selected, you help build credibility and further demonstrate why the person is deserving of the award.
- Think in threes. Using the above example of the nomination broken into pieces, think of three ways your nominee successfully executes each question. Then, use an example or two to further support what you are trying to say.

- Include an introduction. Again, you can think in threes; list three things (examples, traits, etc.) that make your nominee great. You can even provide an overview of what you will say in the body of your nomination.
- To end, reiterate what you've said. Reread what you've written. Summarize concisely or give an additional anecdote that brings everything together. Think of this as one last "punch" to getting your point across as to why your nominee should be selected.

Always

- Don't overthink things the first time. Make an outline of what you want to say (beginning, three points, end) and just write – get everything down. After, go back and edit yourself – it doesn't have to be perfect the first time – it just has to be down on paper! Once you get all your thoughts written, then go back and organize them.

Sources:

- <http://www.writeexpress.com/recommendation-letters.html>
- <http://www.wikihow.com/Write-a-Nomination-Letter>