

CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS 2019

Each year, the Indiana Rural Health Association (IRHA) recognizes remarkable rural health **individuals and/or programs** with awards presented during the Association's Annual Conference. Beginning this year, award recipients will be recognized at various Indiana Rural Health Association events throughout the year. For instance, the Leadership award will be presented at the Leadership Seminar in August. Please send in your nomination for those who are making an outstanding difference in rural health today in the areas of Leadership, Education, Advocacy, Collaboration, and Public Service.

The Indiana Rural Health Association's mission is to enhance the health and well-being of rural populations in Indiana through leadership, education, advocacy, collaboration, and resource development.

In accordance with the Indiana Rural Health Association's mission, awards will be considered in the following categories (see criteria for each category below):

Leadership

Education

Advocacy

Collaboration

Public Service

Please return the attached nomination form via e-mail by April 12, 2019, to:

Tina Elliott
Community Relations Director
Indiana Rural Health Association
telliott@indianarha.org

Please feel free to make copies of the attached form to share with other individuals interested in nominating someone or some program deserving of a 2019 IRHA Rural Health Award.

Indiana Rural Health Association Awards Categories/Criteria

Leadership:

This award recognizes an outstanding individual, organization, company, governmental unit or other entity that has demonstrated an ability to guide and motivate in a direction that contributes to the betterment of rural health in Indiana. This awardee has shown an exemplary ability to lead in a positive manner and direction to ensure better health outcomes for our rural citizens. Even in the face of adversity, this awardee has succeeded in guiding his or her organization and others to meet the challenges and overcome the barriers that might otherwise have left our rural communities at a standstill in terms of improved access to quality services needed to ensure a healthier tomorrow.

Education:

This award recognizes an outstanding individual, organization, company, governmental unit or other entity that has contributed to the knowledge and development of our future rural health providers, communities and/or individuals. This awardee's dedication to education and teaching has provided an outstanding contribution to the overall body of knowledge in the area of rural health and in methodologies to better provide care and services to our rural populations.

Advocacy:

This award recognizes an outstanding individual, organization, company, governmental unit or other entity that has provided support for the cause of rural health. This awardee has defended and pleaded in favor of our common goal of better care, better services, and better overall health among our rural citizens and communities. This awardee has advocated at the local, state, and/or national level to ensure support for proposals that contribute to improved health and health outcomes in rural areas.

Collaboration:

This award recognizes an outstanding individual, organization, company, governmental unit or other entity that has worked jointly with others to achieve a common goal toward the betterment of rural health. This awardee demonstrates a team spirit that has motivated others to work with a positive synergy to cross disciplines and regions. This positive attitude and spirit of helpfulness has transcended boundaries to ensure progress toward meeting the needs of our rural health communities.

Public Service:

This award recognizes an outstanding individual, organization, company, governmental unit or other entity that has contributed to the public good and is a trustee of the rural health community. This awardee has invested in the community as a whole through acts and services in the rural health community's best interest.

**Indiana Rural Health Association
Awards Nomination Form**

Due April 12, 2019

Send nominations to:

Tina Elliott
Community Relations Director
Indiana Rural Health Association
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Please complete the following information:

Name of Individual or Program Being Nominated: _____

If Program, Please List Main Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone and e-mail: _____

If Individual, Nominee's Present Position: _____

Individual or Program Organizational Affiliation: _____

Category Nominated for (Attached is a brief description of each of the five award categories: Leadership, Education, Advocacy, Collaboration, and Public Service):

Information on person submitting this nomination form:

Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

Phone and e-mail _____

Please attach a description of the nominated individual's or program's contributions, and significance of those contributions, to rural health care. Please limit description to a maximum of 5 pages. For individual nomination, please include a ONE-page biographical sketch. Other pertinent information may be included regarding the individual or program, such as news articles, letters of support, or other brief documentation supportive of this nomination.