



**2017  
NOMINATION FORM**

## **Emerging Rural Health Leader Award**

**Building Healthier  
Communities**

Award funding by Stratis Health, supporting efforts  
to build a culture of quality in health care.

### **NOMINATION CRITERIA:**

- 1.** The emphasis of the award is on recognizing and holding-up as an example a health profession student who demonstrates outstanding desire and effort in rural health leadership (i.e., a student willing to “lead the charge” for improving rural health and health care on a regional and/or statewide basis; seen as an emerging leader on rural health issues).
- 2.** Must be a student (any age) actively enrolled at a Minnesota public or private post-secondary school in a course of study or training for a health care profession (any) with declared intent to practice in and serve in rural Minnesota.
- 3.** Please include the name and current contact information of the nominee; in what school and course of study the nominee is enrolled; your name, position and contact information. (NOTE: The nominee should also be available to receive the award in Duluth the evening of June 19, 2017 at the MRHA Student Chapter Dinner/Mixer)

**Scoring:** 40 total possible points – A panel of MRHA judges will review all nominations received by midnight May 1<sup>st</sup>, and MRHA will notify the award winner and first two runners-up by Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. The person with the highest overall score receives the Emerging Rural Health Leader Award plaque and a \$1,000 full scholarship to MRHA’s Rural Health Advocacy Certificate Program. The two highest runners-up will receive honorable mention plaques and recognition. MRHA will also issue a news release recognizing the award winner and two runners-up.

### **Deadline for Nominations: Monday, May 1st**

Nominations must be received by midnight Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. You may include two additional 8 ½ x 11 pages (such as letters of support and/or news articles). No videos or DVDs. **All materials must be emailed to [steve@mnruralhealth.org](mailto:steve@mnruralhealth.org) by the deadline.**

**Questions?** Contact Steve Gottwalt at 952.923.5265 or [steve@mnruralhealth.org](mailto:steve@mnruralhealth.org).

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Nominee's contact information	Your contact information
Nominee's name:	Your name:
Nominee's position:	Your position:
Nominee's work or volunteer organization:	Your organization:
Nominee's address:	Your address:
Nominee's email:	Your email:
Nominee's phone:	Your phone:

**Geographic area affected by nominee's work:**

## QUESTION #1

In **200 words or less**, please describe how this nominee is an emerging rural health leader, particularly in the areas of collaboration and outreach. *Please focus on ways in which this nominee has provided exemplary leadership in bringing others together and reaching out regionally and/or statewide to strengthen rural health and health care.* (20 possible points)

## QUESTION #2

In **200 words or less**, please describe what the nominee has done to strengthen the health, health care or well-being of rural Minnesotans, particularly through advocacy. *Please focus on ways in which this person has provided leadership in the area of rural health advocacy, particularly in ways that have a broader regional or statewide impact.* (20 possible points)

**QUESTION #3**

Is there anything else you'd like to share about the nominee that would help us appreciate their contributions to rural health?