



**2020
NOMINATION FORM**

Emerging Rural Health Leader Award

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 during the Rural Health Hero Awards ceremony.)

ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS:

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)
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)

Scoring: 40 total possible points – A panel of MRHA judges will review all nominations received by May 1st. The MRHA will notify the award winner by Friday, May 8th. The person with the highest overall score receives the Emerging Rural Health Leader Award plaque and a complimentary registration for the 2021 Minnesota Rural Health Conference.

Deadline for Nominations: Friday, May 1st

Nominations must be received by midnight Friday, May 1st. 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 mark@mnruralhealth.org by the deadline.**

Questions? Contact Mark Jones at (218) 201-0098 or mark@mnruralhealth.org.