



**2021
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 professional who demonstrates outstanding desire and effort in rural health leadership. A person willing to “lead the charge” for improving rural health and health care on a local, regional, or statewide basis. Someone recognized as an emerging leader on rural health issues.
2. Must be actively employed by an organization that serves the health and/or health care needs of rural Minnesotans.
3. Preference will be given to individuals who are new to the health professions or early in their health professional position, including students.

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 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 through 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. The MRHA will notify the award winner by Friday, September 10th. The person with the highest overall score will be recognized on National Rural Health Day, November 18, 2021. The awardee will also receive a complimentary registration for the 2022 Minnesota Rural Health Conference.

Deadline for Nominations: Friday, August 27th

Nominations must be received by midnight Friday; August 27th. You may include two additional attachments 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.

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 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 through 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?