

2024 Nominations for the MN Rural Health Awards

The Minnesota Rural Health Awards are given annually to individuals and groups who have made a significant contribution to improving rural health in Minnesota.

Nominations will be accepted through **Monday, September 30**, for the following awards:

- Hero Award – an individual
- Team Award – a team or group of people
- Lifetime Achievement Award – an individual at the “end” of their careers

The awards will be announced on **National Rural Health Day, November 21, 2024**.

The awardees will be honored in person at the 2025 [MN Rural Health Conference](#).



Contributions to rural health:

Nominees may have contributed to rural health in any capacity: in a volunteer or paid position, as a health care provider or non-provider, and/or through policy or practice.

Areas of impact could include but are not limited to: health care and health programs, rural health policy, legislation, rural health equity, improved patterns of health care delivery, cooperative efforts to avoid duplication of services and achieve common goals, education, and the lasting impact of a program on populations and areas served.

Where to send nomination forms

Please complete the following form and return it to health.orhpc@state.mn.us by the end of the day, **Monday, September 30**.

You may include two additional 8 ½ x 11 pages (such as letters of support and/or news articles).

You will receive an acknowledgement within a week of receipt.

If you have any questions, please email health.orhpc@state.mn.us

Contact Information

Please check one of the categories below:

Rural Health Hero

Rural Health Team

Lifetime Achievement

Nominee's Contact Information

Nominee's full name:

Nominee's position:

Nominee's work or volunteer organization:

Nominee's address:

Nominee's email:

Your Contact Information

Your full name:

Your position:

Your work or volunteer organization:

Your address:

Your email:

Question #1

What should we know about the unique nature of their work and the people they serve?

Question #2

What has the individual or team done to contribute to rural health in ways that go **“above and beyond”**? What makes their work stand out? (10 points)

Question #3

How have they demonstrated **leadership and vision** for rural health? What are their goals? (10 points)

Question #4

What **impact** have their efforts had on rural health? Describe the effect their work has had for people and/or communities. (20 points)

Question #5

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