



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS Outstanding Rural Health Legislator Award

The Maryland Rural Health Association (MRHA) is pleased to announce the 2017 Nomination Information for the Outstanding Rural Health Legislator Award, which will be presented at the MRHA Legislative Forum on January 26, 2017 in Annapolis, MD.

Due Date: January 10, 2017

Format: Please create a separate MS Word document addressing the award criteria specific detailed below. Supporting documents can be scanned to PDF.

Submission: Email your nominations to the Awards Committee at larawilson@mdruralhealth.org. While we prefer that you email your nominations, you also have the option to mail them to MRHA at P.O. Box 41, Oakland, MD 21550.

Please provide the following information with your submission:

1. Name, Address, Phone & Email Contact of Person Making the Nomination
2. Nominee's Full Name & Title
3. Biographical sketch of individual
4. Names of three individual supporters of the nomination

This award is presented for outstanding leadership and public service in promoting legislation and/or policy solutions to benefit rural communities. Narratives cannot exceed one page. No more than a one-page biographical sketch should also be included and does not count toward one-page narrative. Other pertinent information may be included, such as news articles, letters of support, or other brief documentation supportive of this nomination.

Award criteria:

- Proven ability to work with community members and organizations to understand rural health priorities
- Demonstrated wisdom and foresight in dealing with rural issues
- Commitment to working with public servants to address rural health needs.
- Overall dedication to serving constituents
- Exemplary leadership

Maryland Rural Health Award Guidelines:

- Nominations must be submitted on time to be considered; there are no exceptions.
- Nominees cannot have received the same award in the previous 2 years. Awardee history can be found on the MRHA website at <http://www.mdruralhealth.org/rural-health-awards/past-awards/>.
- Nominees must be practicing in or serving a state defined rural region. The state definition of rural can be found at <http://rural.maryland.gov/the-rural-maryland-council/> and includes 18 rural counties.
- The Rural Health Awards Committee is comprised of MRHA members representing diverse organizations from each of the rural regions of the state. The committee will rank nominees using a scoring matrix for each of the five award criteria to determine the winner.
- Self-nominations are not allowed.

If you have any questions, please contact Lara Wilson at larawilson@mdruralhealth.org or 410-693-6988.