



Call for WRHA Rural Health Awards Nominations

The Washington Rural Health Association (WRHA) is pleased to announce that nominations for the 2019 WRHA Annual Rural Health Awards are now being accepted. These awards will be presented at the [Northwest Rural Health Conference](#) during a special Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

Each year the Washington Rural Health Association honors outstanding individuals and organizations in the field of rural health who have dedicated their time and talents to improving the health and well-being of others. Previous recipients have stretched the boundaries of possibility by forging innovative programs and services, making rural life healthier and more compassionate.

Consideration shall be given to all areas of rural health. Nomination information should indicate that the individual's efforts have surpassed normal expectations and that efforts are exemplary of the dedication to the advancement of the health of the public.

Nominees do not have to be members of WRHA to be eligible for these awards. Nominations will be accepted from any individual, organizational, or supporting member in good standing. Selections will be made solely on the basis of a 300-500-word narrative, which is part of the nomination form. Supporting documents such as press releases, videos, articles, and other publications are recommended; however, not required.

An individual or organization may be nominated in one of the following categories:

LEAH LAYNE MEMORIAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award recognizes the late Leah Layne, a long-time campaigner and activist on behalf of rural health. This award is based on demonstrated leadership skills, someone who best exemplifies Leah's spirit, vision, foresight, and dedication in the field of rural health.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO RURAL HEALTH

This award is based on the overall contributions a nominee has made to benefit rural health. This award is for nominees who have, over the course of their careers, made significant impacts in rural health across the state. Award recipient is selected based on their creativity,

unselfishness, compassion, and cooperative attitude in seeking ways to make lasting contributions to rural health care.

DR. JOHN ANDERSON MEMORIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING RURAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER

This award is named after the late Dr. John Anderson, a dedicated physician, and a leader in the development of a system to ensure that physicians and other health care have an opportunity to work in the rural communities of Washington State. This award recognizes a direct service provider for leadership in bringing health services to rural populations. Factors taken into consideration include, involvement in rural the community, and lasting contributions to the health care system.

MARY SELECKY FRIEND OF RURAL HEALTH

This award recognizes an individual who has made a special effort to cause and effect change in rural health policy, legislation, rural communities, etc., to specifically benefit rural health outcomes. This category honors individuals who are legislators, trustees, community wellness activists, rural health care professionals, etc. Factors considered include coordination of services with other health care agencies to avoid duplication of services, networking, and collaboration with other health care entities to achieve common goals, innovation in development and implementation.

FUTURE OF RURAL HEALTH

This award recognizes extraordinary leadership activities demonstrated by a student in the field of rural health. Candidates nominated for this award will have displayed a vested interest in improving rural health care and demonstrated an ability to work towards this improvement. Efforts may include organizing and directing rural health activities or groups, significant achievements, unique approaches to identifying or meeting needs, and commitment of time/effort.

LUNCHEON INFORMATION

The individual who submitted the nomination for the chosen winner of each category will be notified prior to the luncheon; therefore, significant individuals (family members/ colleagues) can be invited to the presentation. The awards recipient in each category can have up to four guests free of charge. The luncheon tickets are \$45 per person after the fourth guest.

The awards ceremony will take place on Tuesday, March 26th, from Noon to 1:00 PM. WRHA will accept online submissions only.

Please upload nominations and supporting materials to: [Nominations](#)

Nomination Deadline: February 1, 2019

Additional information, questions or requests can be directed to: Beionka Moore, WRHA, Executive Director, wrhadirector@wrha.com or Direct line: 206.853.9710.