

# CALL FOR 2021 ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA RURAL HEALTH AWARD NOMINEES

The 2021 Annual Pennsylvania Rural Health Awards Committee will present five awards to recognize one rural health program and four individuals who have made substantial contributions to rural health in Pennsylvania. Please check the appropriate box for your nomination choice and complete the information below.

- State Rural Health Leader of the Year
- Community Rural Health Leader of the Year
- Rural Health Program of the Year
- Legislator of the Year
- Rural Health Hero of the Year

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Phone/Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Nominating: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Email/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Nomination: (In one paragraph, please summarize your reason for nomination.)

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## **NOMINATION CRITERIA 2021 ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA RURAL HEALTH AWARDS**

### **State Rural Health Leader of the Year**

This award recognizes an outstanding leader who has organized, led, developed or expanded an exemplary multidimensional state rural health program or initiative that benefits rural Pennsylvanians. Criteria used to select this award recipient include:

- Demonstrates/provides leadership to a state health program or initiative that benefits rural Pennsylvanians.
- Uses comprehensive, unique approaches to address a specific health issue in the Commonwealth.
- Works with other relevant state/community organizations and/or uses relevant resources to develop or expand a program that addresses health issues affecting rural Pennsylvanians.

### **Community Rural Health Leader of the Year**

This award recognizes an outstanding leader who has organized, led, developed or expanded an exemplary multidimensional rural community health program or initiative. Criteria used to select this award recipient include:

- Demonstrates/provides leadership to the rural community health program.
- Uses comprehensive, unique approaches to address a specific health issue.
- Works with other relevant community organizations and/or uses relevant resources to develop or expand a program that addresses health issues affecting rural Pennsylvanians.

### **Rural Health Program of the Year**

This award recognizes an exemplary health program that addresses an identified need in a rural community. Criteria used to select this award recipient include:

- Demonstrates unique, creative, and innovative approaches.
- Ensures access to the community/intended population (with no physical, economic or social barriers).
- Includes community resources as part of the planning and evaluation process.
- Demonstrates a significant benefit to the target population as measured by evaluation.

### **Legislator of the Year**

This award recognizes an outstanding Pennsylvania legislator for his/her work and support of rural health initiatives that address an identified need in his/her district. Criteria used to select this award recipient include:

- Introduces or supports an existing piece of legislation that addresses an identified rural health need or issue.
- Demonstrates leadership in the rural community.
- Incorporates community input into the planning process.

### **Rural Health Hero of the Year**

This award recognizes an outstanding leader in the area of rural health. Criteria used to select this award recipient includes:

- Demonstrates a personal and professional commitment to the rural health needs of his/her community and/or service area.
- Works with relevant state/community organizations and/or uses relevant resources to develop or expand a program that addresses a Pennsylvania rural health issue (or issues).
- Goes above and beyond the call of duty.

**Questions? Please contact Terri Klinefelter, Outreach Coordinator, PORH, at (814) 863-8214 or [tjc136@psu.edu](mailto:tjc136@psu.edu).**

### **DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION**

All nomination forms must be received by the Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health by **5:00 p.m. EDT on Friday, September 3, 2021**. Please make copies of this form if you wish to nominate more than one person.

You may submit nomination(s) as follows:

- EMAIL as an attachment to Terri Klinefelter at [tjc136@psu.edu](mailto:tjc136@psu.edu)
- FAX to the attention of Terri Klinefelter at **814-865-4688**
- MAIL to: **The Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health**

**Attn: Terri Klinefelter**

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**University Park PA 16802**