



# **NOMINATION CRITERIA 2024 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 include:

- 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

## DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION

All nomination forms must be received by the Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health by **5:00 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, September 18, 2024**. 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 Karen Burke at [klb520@psu.edu](mailto:klb520@psu.edu)
- MAIL to:           The Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health  
                          Attn: Karen Burke  
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