



Dakota Conference on Rural and Public Health

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2009 OUTSTANDING RURAL HEALTH AWARDS

Each year the Dakota Conference on Rural and Public Health honors three professionals and one volunteer that are outstanding individuals or organizations in the field of rural health at its annual conference.

Act now to nominate your favorite rural health professional(s), volunteer, and organization that they might be known and honored for dedication to improving the health and well-being of others. The awards are The Outstanding Rural Health Provider/Practitioner, The Outstanding Rural Health Professional, The Outstanding Rural Health Program/Organization, and The Outstanding Rural Health Volunteer. Please nominate those you work with, whom you believe are deserving of this statewide recognition.

Entry deadline is Friday, January 9, 2009. If you have any question, please contact Lynette Dickson at ldickson@medicine.nodak.edu or 701-777-6049.

Award Categories

The Outstanding Rural Health Provider/Practitioner Award will be presented to a health care clinician whose practice is in rural North Dakota. This award can be thought of as a lifetime service award to a rural health care provider (e.g. physician, nurse, dentist, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, dietitian etc...) who has unselfishly made an important contribution to their community and area.**

The Outstanding Rural Health Professional Award will be presented to a health care professional (e.g. clinic manager, hospital administrator, nursing home administrator, program director, public health director, etc...) located in rural North Dakota, who has demonstrated leadership in the delivery of rural health services.**

The Outstanding Rural Health Program/Organization Award recognizes a community, regional or statewide program involving one or more health professionals or entities that promotes or facilitates the development of rural health delivery systems. Factors considered include highlight coordination of services, networking and collaboration among providers, innovation in development and implementation, and lasting impact of program on populations served.**

The Outstanding Rural Health Volunteer Award recognizes the contributions made by community people (e.g. board of directors/trustees, auxiliary, non-professional community representative, emergency medical services personnel, etc.) who have contributed their energy, time, and skill toward the betterment of rural health care. Nominees must be volunteers and not paid full or part-time staff. If, however, a nominee receives a small stipend, money to cover some travel cost, etc., they are eligible for the volunteer award.

***Recipient application for this category will be submitted to the National Rural Health Association (NRHA) award nomination process. The NRHA awards honor outstanding individuals and organizations in the field of rural health and are presented at its annual conference. For more information go to the NRHA website at <http://www.nrharural.org/conferences/>.*

Submission Guidelines

- 1) **Nomination Form:** Complete this form with contact information for who is submitting the nomination and who is being nominated.
- 2) **Award Entry Narrative:** Describe in a written statement why you believe the person or group being nominated should be considered for the selected award. Narrative is limited to seven pages (12 point font; double spaced; 1 inch margins) and should be based on the criteria listed within each award category. Please include the significance of the work of the nominee to the community, populations or individuals served, and explain how rural people have benefited.
- 3) **Relevant Attachments:** Attachments may be included that strengthen the award entry. Do not send originals as materials will not be returned. Letters of support are strongly encouraged, limited to three letters - two page limit. (If more than three are submitted, only three will be reviewed.)
- 4) **Resubmission of Nominations:** If you have nominated an individual or a program in a prior year, and that individual or program did not receive an award, please consider doing so again. Each year many worthy nominations are made but only one award per category can be selected. It seems a shame that some very worthy nominees are only nominated once. We strongly encourage re-submissions.
- 5) **Submission of Forms:** Nomination form, Award Entry Narrative and attachments can be submitted by emailed, mailed, or faxed to Lynette Dickson at the address below. All nomination materials must be received by **Friday, January 9, 2009.**
 - Copies can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to: Lynette Dickson, Attn: Dakota Conference, Center for Rural Health, UNDSMHS, 501 N. Columbia Road, Stop 9037, Grand Forks, ND 58202-9037, fax to (701) 777-6779, or email to: ldickson@medicine.nodak.edu.
 - Submit entries in 8-1/2" X 11" format; 12 point font; double spaced; 1 inch margins
 - Nomination entry materials will become the property of Dakota Conference and will not be returned.

If you have any questions regarding the nomination process, please contact Lynette Dickson at (701) 777-6049 or by e-mail at ldickson@medicine.nodak.edu.

Selection Process

All award determinations will be based on the merit of nominees, relevance to established criteria in their respective category and demonstrated benefit to rural areas served. Awardees are determined by Dakota Conference planning committee members. All those who submit a nomination will be notified by mail, no later than Friday, February 6, 2009. For those selected for an award, the person who submits the award nomination will be notified, prior to the award recipient is notified.

Awards Presentation and Recognition

The 2009 Rural Health Awards will be presented on Thursday, April 2 during the Awards Banquet at the Annual Dakota Conference on Rural and Public Health, **Seven Seas Hotel & Convention Center**, Mandan. To obtain more conference information or a registration brochure go to Dakota Conference's web site at <http://ruralhealth.und.edu/dakotaconference>.

Each recipient will receive two (2) complimentary tickets for the awards banquet. Additional banquet tickets can be purchased for \$25. Awardees will also receive a plaque or award appropriate for display.

A press release will be issued by Dakota Conference announcing the winners.

Materials Deadline

All nomination materials must be received by **Friday, January 9, 2009**. Send nominations to:

Lynette Dickson
Attn: Dakota Conference
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For further information about the Dakota Conference Rural Health Awards, contact Lynette Dickson, at (701) 777-6049 or by e-mail at ldickson@medicine.nodak.edu

2008 Nomination Form

Award:

- Outstanding Rural Health Provider/Practitioner
- Outstanding Rural Health Professional
- Outstanding Rural Health Program/Organization
- Outstanding Rural Health Volunteer

Nominee Information:

Name or Contact: _____

Organization: _____

Current Position: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Office Phone: _____

Email: _____

Rural Areas/Populations Affected by Nominee's Work: _____

Nominated by:

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Position: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____