



2023 MRHA Emerging Rural Health Leader Award

The MRHA Emerging Rural Health Leader Award is given annually to an individual who has emerged as “leading the charge” to improve rural health on a local, regional, or statewide level.

- The award will be announced on National Rural Health Day, November 16, 2023.
- Additionally, the Emerging Leader Award – along with the Minnesota Department of Health’s MN Rural Health Hero, Team, and Lifetime Achievement Awards – will be honored at the 2024 Minnesota Rural Health Conference. The conference is hosted by the National Rural Health Resource Center, the Minnesota Department of Health, and the Minnesota Rural Health Association.

Nomination criteria

1. The emphasis of the award is on recognizing a student or a health professional early in their career who has emerged as a leader in improving rural health on a local, regional, or statewide basis. This person is “leading the charge.”
2. The nominee must be:
 - a. A student working toward a career in rural health who has already shown a personal commitment to and a desire for improving rural health here in Minnesota. Or,
 - b. An employee, still early in their career, of a Minnesota organization that serves the health needs of rural Minnesotans.

Deadline for nominations: Wednesday, October 11

Nominations must be received by 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, October 11, 2023. You may include two additional attachments such as letters of support and/or news articles. All materials must be emailed to mark@mnruralhealth.org by the deadline.

Questions? Contact Mark Jones at (218) 201-0098 or email mark@mnruralhealth.org.

Contact Information

Nominee's Contact Information	Your Contact Information
Nominee name:	Your name:
Nominee's position:	Your position:
Nominee's work or volunteer organization:	Your organization:
Nominee's address:	Your address:
Nominee's email:	Your email:
Nominee's phone:	Your phone:

Geographic area affected by your nominee's work:

Question #1

In 200 words or less, please describe how this nominee is an emerging rural health leader. Please focus on ways in which this nominee has provided leadership in strengthening rural health and health care. (20 possible points).

Question #2

In 200 words or less, please describe what the nominee has done to strengthen the health, health care or well-being of rural Minnesotans, particularly through advocacy. Please focus on ways in which this person has provided leadership through rural health advocacy, particularly in ways that have a broader regional or statewide impact. (20 possible points)