



Call for WRHA Awards Nominations

The Washington Rural Health Association (WRHA) is pleased to announce that nominations for the 2018 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 27, 2018.

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.

DR. JOHN ANDERSON MEMORIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING RURAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER

This award recognizes 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 is based on the demonstrated leadership skills and the dedication to provide quality healthcare services to rural communities.

MARY SELECKEY FRIEND OF RURAL HEALTH

This award seeks nominees who have made a special effort to cause and effect change in rural health policy, legislation, etc. to specifically benefit rural health outcomes. This category honors individuals who are legislators, trustees, community wellness activists, etc.

FUTURE OF RURAL HEALTH

This award recognizes an outstanding youth 14-20 years of age from a rural community who has performed outstanding volunteer service for better health in his/her community or who is successfully pursuing health sciences educational opportunities.

LUNCHEON

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 27th, from Noon to 1:00 PM.

WRHA will accept online submissions only. Send all nominations and supporting materials to: [Nominations](#).

Nomination Deadline: February 1, 2018

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