

GEORGIA RURAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION 2010 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



The Georgia Rural Health Association (GRHA) is the first statewide organization to have the health of rural residents as its primary concern. GRHA has established the Awards of Excellence program to honor and encourage the services of rural health advocates. Awards will be presented at the GRHA 2010 Annual Conference, September 20-22, 2010 at the beautiful Brasstown Valley Resort in Young Harris, Georgia.

All award determinations will be based on the merits of nominees, relevance to established criteria in their respective category and demonstrated benefit to rural areas served. Award winners will be notified by mid-August.



NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Nominations for the 2010 Awards of Excellence program may be made by any person or group having sufficient knowledge of the nominee. Nominations are evaluated by the GRHA Awards Committee.

Awards will be made to organizations and individuals in Georgia for successes in the following categories:

1. Legislator of the Year
2. Outstanding Rural Health Practice or Practitioner
3. Outstanding Rural Health Program
4. Distinguished Educator/Researcher
5. James Alley Award (Outstanding Lifetime Achievement in Rural Health Care)
6. Outstanding Volunteer

AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

The **Legislator of the Year** is awarded to the member of the Georgia General Assembly who demonstrates wisdom and foresight in dealing with rural health issues, understanding of rural health, and exemplary leadership in addressing the needs of rural area and resolution of their health problems.

The **Outstanding Rural Health Practice or Practitioner** award recognizes a community-oriented rural health care practice, whether a group or an individual physician, that has improved direct access to health care services and information for rural people through innovative, comprehensive approaches.

The **Outstanding Rural Health Program** award recognizes a program that meets a healthcare need in a community or a group of communities and has demonstrated outcomes. This effort can include a collaboration of clinics, doctors, hospitals, wellness programs (i.e. recreation department or wellness facility), civic groups, or faith-based organizations.

The **Distinguished Educator/Researcher** is awarded to the individual whose research or teaching has made the most significant contribution of the year or whose sustained history of teaching and educating over a period of time is deemed to be the major contribution of the year.

The **James Alley Award for Outstanding Lifetime Achievement in Rural Health Care** is awarded to the practitioner, educator, public health employee, volunteer, or other individual who has excelled over a lifetime in service to rural people, either directly or indirectly.

The **Outstanding Volunteer** is awarded to a volunteer who has made a significant contribution toward improving rural health.

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NOMINATION CHECKLIST:

1. A completed nominations form with the correct award category checked.
2. The narrative section stating why the candidate is nominated and outlining relevant achievement based on the specific award criteria.
3. Any relevant attachments.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete the attached nomination form. Be sure to check the appropriate award nomination category. If more than one nomination is submitted please do each nomination separately.
2. Please provide brief background information about the individual or organization (not to exceed two pages). Background information should include a synopsis of the individual, practice and/or program.
3. The total application, including supporting documentation, is not to exceed 7 pages
4. Nomination entry materials will become the property of the GRHA and will not be returned.

Award nominations not conforming to these guidelines may be eliminated from consideration.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED VIA EMAIL BY JULY 15, 2010

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NOMINATION FORM

Please print or type all information. Attach additional pages responding to the information requested. Supporting documentation, letters of endorsement or other attachments may be submitted (See Nomination Checklist and Instructions). No more than 7 pages may be submitted with this form.

Nomination Submitted by:

Name

Title

Address

Telephone Fax

Email

Category of Nomination – Please check one:

- Legislator of the Year
- Outstanding Rural Health Practice or Practitioner
- Outstanding Rural Health Program
- Distinguished Educator/Researcher
- Outstanding Student Paper (\$100 cash prize)
- James Alley Award (Outstanding Lifetime Achievement in Rural Health Care)
- Outstanding Volunteer

Nominee for Award:

Name

Title

Address

Telephone Fax

Email

When applicable include information (as appropriate) regarding:

- The individual's accomplishments or the program's goals and objectives
- Service area population and general information
- Resources used---including staff and fiscal
- Service needs of the community
- Nominee's background, training and job history
- Agency information
- Program summary and project materials developed
- Impact of efforts on community

Completed nominations must be received by July 15, 2010

Emailed nominations should be sent to grha@grhainfo.org

Notice

Previous award recipients are not eligible for awards they have received in the past. But previous award recipients are eligible for an award in a different category.

Please see the 2009 Award Recipients List for the names of last year's winners.

Thank you