



Nomination Packet:
The 2007 Rural Maryland Impact Awards

Outstanding Rural Economic Development Award
Outstanding Rural Community Development Award
Outstanding Legislator Award
Outstanding Rural Health Program Award
Outstanding Rural Health Achievement Award
Outstanding Rural Health Practitioner Award
Outstanding Rural Volunteer Award

All nominations must be received by September 4, 2007
Winners will be announced at the
Maryland Rural Impact Awards Luncheon
October 18, 2007 in Solomons, Maryland



Rural Awards Descriptions & Criteria

Deadline: September 4, 2007

The Rural Impact Awards recognize individuals and organizations in rural communities for outstanding rural development and health efforts. The awards to be presented are listed below.

Outstanding Rural Economic Development Award is presented to a program, project or organization that successfully attracts, retains or creates jobs in at least one rural county. Award criteria: Significance of jobs attracted, retained or created in relation to a community's economic development objectives; noteworthy, creative, or innovative techniques brought to bear on challenging economic development situations; and the use of partnerships for leveraged resources in achieving business development goals.

Outstanding Rural Community Development Award is presented to a program, project or organization that substantially improves the quality of life in at least one rural community. Award criteria: dedication and creativity in providing community-oriented service(s), evidence of collaboration with relevant stakeholders to resolve social problem(s), and the use of partnerships or leveraged resources to realize community-achievement goals.

Outstanding Legislator Award is presented for outstanding leadership in promoting legislation to benefit rural communities. Award criteria: demonstrated wisdom and foresight in dealing with rural issues; and an understanding of and exemplary leadership in addressing rural needs.

Outstanding Rural Health Program Award is presented for promoting and providing effective community-oriented rural health care delivery and excels in service to rural people, directly or indirectly. Award criteria: quality of service, dedication and creativity in providing services to the community that leads to improved access to care, coordination of care, promotion of networking among rural providers, and promotion of interdisciplinary health care delivery.

Outstanding Rural Health Achievement Award: For leadership and noteworthy initiative in the development of community-oriented rural health care delivery. Award criteria: distinctive efforts to promote and/or improve rural health care, leadership, involvement in the community, and lasting contributions to health care.

Outstanding Rural Health Practitioner Award: For providing direct service and exhibiting outstanding leadership in bringing and/or improving health services to rural populations. Award criteria: provision of outstanding care, collaboration and teamwork, involvement in the community, and lasting contribution to the rural health care system.

Outstanding Rural Volunteer Award: For leadership, dedication, and noteworthy volunteer achievement beyond the call of one's professional duties. Award criteria: distinctive volunteer efforts and positive contributions impacting one or more aspects of rural community development or the quality of rural life



How to Nominate Your Rural Leader

Winners will be honored during a luncheon at the Maryland Rural Summit in Solomons, MD

All nominations must be submitted on the Nomination Form on the back page of this brochure **OR** you may provide a cover sheet that contains **all** information requested on the Nomination Form. In addition, a nomination packet must include:

1. A narrative that describes the nominee's accomplishments, the significance of his/her work, and how rural people or communities have benefited. (No more than three pages, please.)
2. A biographical sketch, news articles and other documentation to support the nomination. The information you provide may be used in presenting the award.

Mail the completed nomination packet to:
Rural Maryland Council
c/o Rural Impact Awards
50 Harry Truman Parkway
Annapolis, MD 21401

No fax or email submissions, please.

All nominations must be *received* no later than September 4, 2007.

Note: You may submit more than one nomination; however, please submit only one nomination per form!



2007 Rural Impact Award Nomination

Deadline: September 4, 2007

Award Category: _____

Nominee Name: _____

Nominee's Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone _____

Nomination Submitted by: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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Checklist: Be sure to attach

- A narrative that describes the nominee's accomplishments;
- A biographical sketch, news articles and other documentation to support the nomination.