



2017

RPAP Alberta Rural Community Physician Attraction and Retention Award Nomination Form

The Alberta Rural Physician Community Attraction and Retention Award recognizes a rural Alberta community that has best developed innovative and collaborative approaches and solutions resulting in successful physician *and* health care professional attraction and retention in their area. Communities can nominate themselves or be nominated by others.

Deadline: Nominations will be accepted up to 4:30 p.m. on

August 31, 2017

Name of the nominee community / committee / organization:	
Name of the lead contact:	
Office Address / City / Province / Postal Code:	
Home Address / City / Province / Postal Code:	
Office Phone:	Office Fax:
Home Phone:	Home Fax:
Email:	
Signature:	



Step One - Tell Us about Your Nominee

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions about your nominee community / committee / organization. Enclose any information you need to tell the nominee's story including personal anecdotes, testimonials, and narratives from healthcare professionals and community members. Please include media reports if available:

1. Please provide a description of the local health care professional attraction and retention situation in the nominee community, and any obstacles that had to be overcome before the new approaches were taken.
2. Please provide a description of the innovative and collaborative solutions or approaches used to overcome health care professional attraction and retention issues. Who was involved and what exactly was done?
3. Please provide describe the results of the innovations/new approaches and how they have led to more successful health care professional attraction and retention and improved your community. What was achieved? Attach any additional information that you need to tell about this success story (personal anecdotes, testimonials, narratives and pictures)



Step Two – Supporting Documentation

Along with your nomination form, please enclose the following:

- A minimum of two (2) Letters of Support**
To be eligible for consideration, evidence of additional community support is required as demonstrated through at least two letters of support for the nomination – one letter from another individual and one from a community organization. These letters should make reference to the Alberta Rural Physician Community Attraction and Retention Award, mention your nominee community by name and provide brief information on the impact of your nominee community's achievements in physician attraction and retention.

- Letter of Agreement**
A letter of agreement, allowing RPAP and award partners to share nomination information with media outlets, will be required upon receipt of the application by RPAP. In addition, the community-award recipients will agree to have representatives available for media coverage of the awards ceremony.

Step Three - Submit Your Nomination

Mail or deliver your completed nomination package by the aforementioned deadline to:

Alberta Rural Physician Action Plan
Community Award Selection Committee
2801 Telus House, 10020 – 100 Street NW
Edmonton, AB T5J 0N3

Please note: To avoid duplication, emailed nomination packages will not be accepted. Incomplete nomination packages will not be accepted.



Step Four - Plan to Honour Your Nominee

If your community is chosen by the RPAP Alberta Rural Community Physician Attraction & Retention Award Selection Committee, RPAP will work with designated community members to honour your success.

The celebration of the successful community will include:

- The production of a video profiling the successful community. Videos profiling previous year's recipients can be viewed online at: <http://www.rpap.ab.ca/community-award>
- Recognition of the successful recipient at a future RPAP event. The video and the RPAP Alberta Rural Community Physician Attraction and Retention Award will be presented at this time.

Questions?

For questions about the nomination package, or the RPAP Awards program, please contact RPAP Communications at communications@rpap.ab.ca; or call toll-free at 1-866-423-9911.

How did you find out about the RPAP Awards?

Please indicate below how you heard about the RPAP Alberta Rural Physician Award of Distinction. Please check all which apply. Your feedback will help RPAP plan future awards campaigns.

- RPAP Community Recruitment Consultant or other RPAP representative
- RPAP Publication (Website / RPAP Review e-newsletter / social media)
- Advertisement (Newspaper / Radio / Television)
- Story in media (Newspaper / television / radio / online)
- Other (Please specify): _____

The Alberta Rural Community Physician Attraction and Retention Award, sponsored annually by the Alberta Rural Physician Action Plan (RPAP), was created in 2007 to recognize rural Alberta communities that have best developed innovative and collaborative approaches resulting in successful physician attraction and retention. This community engagement work is an integral part of RPAP's comprehensive and integrated recruitment, attraction and retention programming.

The Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association (AWNA) is the co-sponsor of the 2016 Alberta Rural Community Physician Attraction and Retention Award. The AWNA assists and ensures its members publish high quality community newspapers. The Association achieves this by prioritizing education, marketing and fellowship.