



# RhPAP Rhapsody Awards



Celebrate rural health  
excellence in Alberta

Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) invites rural Albertans to submit nominations for the 2018 RhPAP Rhapsody Awards in one of the following categories:

Rural Alberta Physician of Distinction

Rural Alberta Community Health  
Professional Attraction and Retention

*New in 2018:* Rural Alberta  
Health-care Heroes (Individual or Team)

*Have health-care professionals  
made a big difference in your  
rural community?*

*Has your rural community  
successfully used a new  
approach for attracting  
and retaining health-care  
professionals?*

**rhapsody** /n/ "An effusively  
enthusiastic or ecstatic  
expression of feeling" -  
Oxford English Dictionary

## 2018 Application Package

Submission deadline is June 15, 2018

Since 2002, the RhPAP Awards program has celebrated rural Alberta's health-care heroes and rural communities with a healthy dose of recognition. This year, we are reintroducing our awards as the **RhPAP Rhapsody Awards**: a play on our name, a recognition of our renewed and expanded mandate, and a celebration of those individuals, teams, and communities that have made significant civic and health-care contributions in rural and remote Alberta communities.

### Rhapsody Award Categories

#### Rural Alberta Physician of Distinction

Initially founded in 2002, this Rhapsody Award recognizes the contributions of rural physicians, especially those unsung heroes, who provide Alberta rural communities with outstanding patient care and make notable contributions to medical practice and to their communities. To be eligible, nominees must presently live and practise in a rural Alberta community, have lived in that community for at least ten (10) consecutive years, and have not received an RPAP/ RhPAP or individual Rhapsody Award in the last six (6) years.

#### Rural Alberta Community Health Professional Attraction and Retention

Initially founded in 2007, this Rhapsody Award recognizes a rural Alberta community that has developed innovative and collaborative approaches to successfully attract and retain (a) health-care professional(s) in its area. Communities can nominate themselves or be nominated by others. To be eligible, communities cannot have received an RPAP/ RhPAP or Rhapsody Award in the last six (6) years.

#### Rural Alberta Health-care Heroes (Individual or Team)

New in 2018, these Rhapsody Awards recognize rural Alberta health professionals or teams that demonstrate superior commitment to their patients, health-care team, and community. To be eligible, individual award nominees must have lived and worked in the same rural Alberta community for at least six (6) consecutive years. Individual nominees are not eligible if they have received an RPAP/ RhPAP or an individual Rhapsody Award in the last six (6) years. Team nominees are eligible if all members of the team presently live and work in a rural Alberta community and the team has not received the Rhapsody Health-care Heroes team award in the last six (6) years. Up to three Health-care Hero awards may be presented on an annual basis.

### Community Eligibility

Rhapsody Awards are open to (members of) all Rural Alberta communities that:

- Have a population of less than 15,000 and
- Do not fall within the defined Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) boundaries of Calgary and Edmonton (see maps below).

Edmonton CMA



Calgary CMA



Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis. If you require further information about whether your community is eligible, please contact [rhapsody@rhpap.ca](mailto:rhapsody@rhpap.ca), or your local RhPAP Rural Community Consultant.

Preference will be given to nominations from isolated and remote communities who are presently working with RhPAP.



# 2018 Nomination Form

<b>Name of Nominee(s)</b> (Individual, Team, or Community)	
<b>Nominee Practice Location</b> (if applicable)	
<b>Contact Information for Nominee</b>	<hr/> Name <hr/> Email <hr/> Phone #
<b>Award Categories</b> (Please select the award category for which the individual, team, or community above is being nominated.)	<input type="radio"/> <b>Rural Alberta Physician of Distinction</b> <input type="radio"/> <b>Rural Alberta Community Health Professional Attraction and Retention</b> <input type="radio"/> <b>Rural Alberta Health-care Heroes</b>
<b>Name of Nominator(s)</b>	
<b>Nominator(s) Address</b>	
<b>Nominator(s) Email</b>	
<b>Nominator(s) Phone</b>	

Along with your nomination form, please enclose a minimum of three (3) letters of support.

To be eligible for consideration, evidence of community support as demonstrated by a minimum of three (3) letters of support is required. Those letters should include:

- A minimum of one letter from an individual other than the nominator;
- A minimum of one letter from a community organization; and,
- For the purposes of the Rural Alberta Physician of Distinction and the Rural Alberta Health-care Heroes Rhapsody Awards, a minimum of one letter from a health professional in or near the community who can speak to the nominees' medical background, experience, and contributions.

Letters of support can include the following:

### Physician and Health-care Heroes Rhapsody Award

- A description of how the efforts of the nominee have improved your community;
- Details about your nominee’s notable commitment to the community and community service groups;
- Particulars of his/her contributions to medical practice, education, and/or research (this information only needs to be included in the letter from the health professional in the community. For the purposes of this letter, health professionals can include any staff member of the local medical centre and/or site manager at the local health facility.)
- An outline of the obstacles the nominee has had to overcome to achieve their contributions (if applicable); and,
- Any relevant media reports, personal anecdotes, testimonials, narratives, and pictures if available.

### Community Rhapsody Award

- Information about the community’s attraction and retention work and how it resulted in the successful attraction or retention of (a) health-care professional(s);
- A description of the obstacles the community has had to overcome in their attraction and retention efforts; and
- Any relevant media reports, personal anecdotes, testimonials, narratives, and pictures if available.

### Prepare to Celebrate!

RhPAP celebrates Rhapsody Award recipients in their home communities.

If your nominee is successful, RhPAP will work with the nominator and / or designated community members to honour the successful recipient at a community recognition event. Celebrations include a Rhapsody Award presentation at this recognition event, including the production and airing of a video, profiling the recipient, or recipients, and their contributions to the health and well-being of your community.

### Submit Your Nomination

Mail or deliver your completed nomination package by **June 15** to:

RhPAP Award Selection Committee  
2801 Telus House, 10020 – 100 Street NW  
Edmonton, AB T5J 0N3

**Please note: To avoid duplication, emailed or incomplete nomination packages will not be accepted.**

### How did you find out about the RhPAP Rhapsody Awards?

Please indicate below how you heard about the RhPAP Rhapsody Awards. Please check all that apply. Your feedback will help RhPAP plan future awards campaigns.

- RhPAP Publication**  
(Website / RhPAP Review e-newsletter / social media)
- RhPAP Rural Consultant**
- Story or advertisement in media**  
(Newspaper / television / radio / online, etc.)
- Other (Please specify)**