



Rhapsody Awards

Celebrate rural Alberta
health excellence

**The Rural Health Professions
Action Plan (RhPAP) invites
rural Albertans to submit
nominations for the following
2019 RhPAP Awards:**

Rhapsody Community Award

Rhapsody Physician Award

**Rhapsody Health-care
Heroes Award**
(Individual or Team)

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

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

rhapsody /n/ “An effusively enthusiastic
or ecstatic expression or feeling.”
— Oxford English Dictionary



2019 Application Package

Submission deadline is March 31, 2019

The RhPAP Rhapsody Awards continue a long tradition of celebrating rural Alberta's health-care heroes and rural communities. A play on our name, the Rhapsodies are designed to recognize the individuals, teams, and communities that make significant civic and health-care contributions within rural Alberta.

Rhapsody Award Categories

Rhapsody Community Award

Established in 2007, this award recognizes a rural Alberta community that has developed innovative and collaborative approaches to successfully attract and retain (a) health professional(s) in its area. Communities can nominate themselves or be nominated by others. To be eligible, communities must

- not have received an RhPAP or Rhapsody Award in the last six years;
- meet the location criteria listed below.

Rhapsody Physician Award

Established in 2002, this 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

- have lived and practised in the same rural Alberta community for at least ten consecutive years;
- not have received an RhPAP or Rhapsody Award in the last six years;
- meet the location criteria listed below.

Rhapsody Health-care Heroes Award (Individual or Team)

Established in 2018, this award recognizes rural Alberta health professionals or teams that demonstrate superior commitment to their patients, health-care team, and community. Up to three Health-care Hero awards may be presented on an annual basis. To be eligible, individual award nominees must

- have lived and practised in the same rural Alberta community for at least six consecutive years;
- not have received an RhPAP or an individual Rhapsody Award in the last six years;
- meet the location criteria listed below.

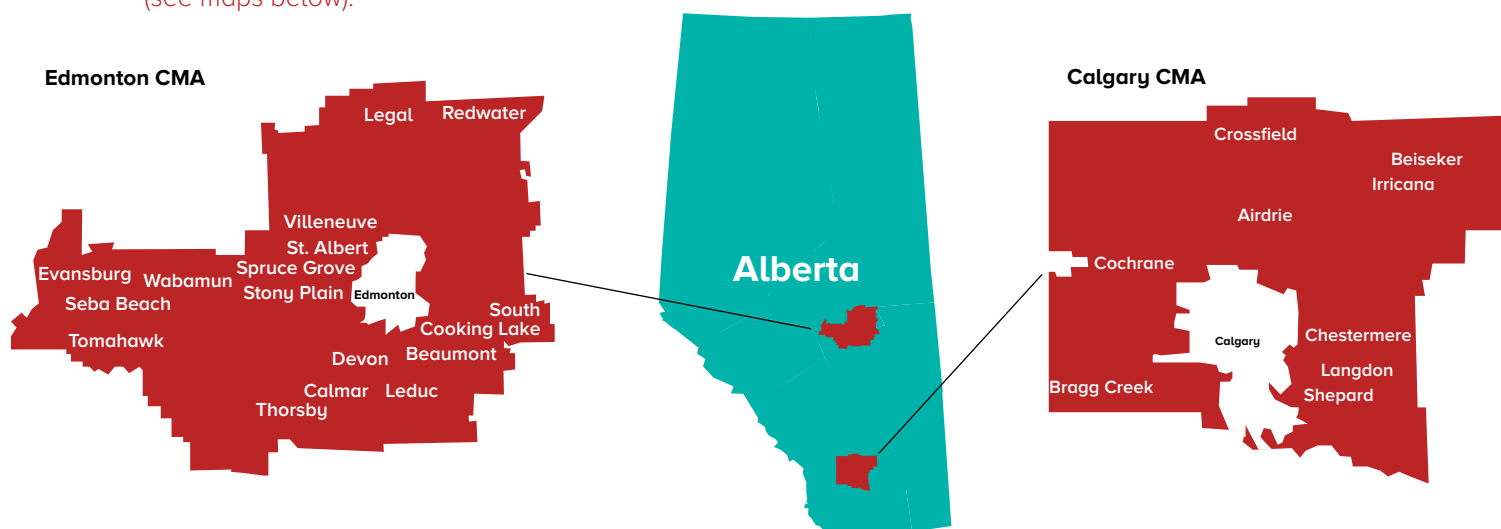
To be eligible, team award nominees must

- all live and practise in a rural Alberta community;
- not have received a Rhapsody Health-cares Heroes Team Award in the last six years;
- meet the location criteria listed below.

Location Criteria

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

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



Exceptions to the location criteria 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 or your local RhPAP Rural Community Consultant.

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



2019 Nomination Form

Name of Nominee(s) (Individual, Team, or Community)	
Nominee Practice Location (if applicable)	
Contact Information for Nominee	<div>Name</div> <div>Email</div> <div>Phone #</div>
Rhapsody Award Categories (Please select the award category for which the individual, team, or community above is being nominated.)	<div>Community</div> <div>Physician</div> <div>Health-care Hero</div>
Name of Nominator(s)	
Nominator(s) Address	
Nominator(s) Email	
Nominator(s) Phone	

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

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

- A minimum of one letter from an individual other than the nominator
- A minimum of one letter from a community organization
- For the purposes of the Rhapsody Physician Award and the Rhapsody Health-care Heroes Award 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. This health professional can be any staff member of the local medical centre and/or the site manager at the local health facility.

Letters of support should include the following:

Rhapsody Community Award

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

Rhapsody Physician and Health-care Heroes Awards

- Details about your nominee's notable commitment to the community and local service groups and how that commitment has improved your community
- An outline of the obstacles the nominee has had to overcome to achieve their contributions
- In the letter of support from the health professional in the community, particulars of his/her contributions to medical practice, education, and/or research
- 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 recognition event in the community. The event will include a Rhapsody Award presentation and the airing of a recipient profile video.

Submit Your Nomination

Mail or deliver your completed nomination package by **March 31, 2019** to:

RhPAP Award Selection Committee
Suite 416, 9707-110 Street NW
Edmonton, AB T5K 2L9

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 (check all that apply):

RhPAP Publication

(Website / RhPAP Review e-newsletter / RhPAP Quarterly, social media)

RhPAP Rural Community Consultant

Story or advertisement in media

(Newspaper / television / radio / online, etc.)

Other (Please specify)
