

Rural Age Friendly Awards

About

Rural Health Association of Tennessee (RHA) is seeking nominations to recognize outstanding programs, organizations, and individuals advancing age-friendly care in Tennessee's rural communities.

Thanks to a special grant from National Rural Health Association and The John A. Hartford Foundation, awardees will receive one (1) complementary registration and a \$500 travel stipend so that they may be honored at Rural Health Association's Annual Conference. The conference takes place November 19th – 21st. The Awards Luncheon is on National Rural Health Day, November 20th.

Award Categories

- **Medication Safety**
Recognizes initiatives that reduce polypharmacy, improve safe prescribing, or expand access to pharmacists/telepharmacy in rural settings.
- **Healthy Minds and Mentation**
Honors programs that strengthen mental health, dementia care, social connection, or address stigma among older adults.
- **Care Coordination**
Celebrates models that improve navigation across primary care, specialists, hospitals, and community-based supports for older adults.
- **Caregiver Support**
Recognizes efforts that provide training, respite, navigation, or emotional support to family and unpaid caregivers.
- **Community Programming**
Highlights innovative rural community-based programs (e.g., social, recreational, nutrition, or faith-based) that make aging well possible.
- **Mobility and Independence**
Awards projects that support safe movement, fall prevention, transportation, and independence for older adults.
- **Age-Friendly Facility**
For hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, or other facilities that have adopted age-friendly care principles (such as the 4Ms) and created a culture that prioritizes older adult health and dignity.
- **Rural Age-Friendly Champion**
Honors an individual honor for a provider, leader, or advocate who has made a lasting impact on advancing age-friendly care in Tennessee's rural communities.

See Also: RHA's Annual Awards: <https://www.tnruralhealth.org/rural-health-awards>

Nomination Form

Nominator Name, Title and Organization *(it is okay to self-nominate)*

Nominee *(program, organization, or individual)*

Award Category

Description of Program/Person *(What is the program? What makes it age-friendly in a rural setting? How does it address the category?)*

Outcomes & Impact *(Share any measurable results, data, or stories that show impact)*

Partnerships & Collaboration *(Share any partnerships you want to acknowledge)*

Sustainability & Lessons Learned *(How is the program funded/supported? What can others learn from it?)*

Supporting Materials *(optional: share any Links, flyers, photos, or short video)*