

Announcing the Twenty-Fifth Annual . . .

Shirley
Ann
Munroe

Leadership Award
Application



American Hospital
Association

*Deadline for receipt of application is
Friday, August 21, 2015*

The Shirley Ann Munroe Leadership Award provides an educational stipend to a small or rural hospital administrator or chief executive officer who has displayed outstanding leadership commitment to meet the challenges faced by small/rural hospitals. Shirley Ann Munroe, for whom the award is named, was instrumental in the creation of what has become AHA's Section for Small or Rural Hospitals. The award reflects Munroe's dedication to peer development, as well as her recognition and support for small or rural hospitals with limited community and financial resources.

Award recipients are selected through a two-phase process administered by the American Hospital Association. First, applications are screened for innovation, practicality, effectiveness, and sustainability of activities as described by the applicant in his/her accompanying materials. After finalists are identified, a selection committee drawn from the governing council of AHA's Section for Small or Rural Hospitals selects a winner after in-depth application reviews.

The **stipend amount for 2015 is \$1,500** and will help to defray the recipient's expenses to attend an AHA Annual Meeting or Health Forum Leadership Conference. Eligibility criteria include executive leadership of nonfederal, short-term, acute care U.S. hospitals that are members of the American Hospital Association, and meet one of the following requirements:

- Have fewer than 100 beds
- Are located outside of a metropolitan statistical area
- Claim 2,000 or fewer admissions yearly

Applicants must have played a pivotal role in resolving problems or overcoming challenges faced by small or rural hospitals. Examples of activities or programs that meet these criteria include:

- Community-wide, collaborative relationships that improve and expand coverage and access to essential health care services
- Quality assurance and improvement programs that are hospital-wide, include preventive measures that foster patient safety, maximize patient outcomes, and include patient perspective of care
- Workforce initiatives that redesign job responsibilities, processes, and procedures to meet the needs of patients, workers, and the hospital as an organization
- Culturally competent patient care services that are developed cooperatively with community leaders, physicians, and hospital staff to address diversity issues in the community

Throughout her career which covered over four decades of service, **Shirley Ann Munroe**, set a standard of dedication and leadership that inspired her professional peers in small and rural hospital administration. Shirley Ann's experience included 20 years as administrator of a 43-bed rural hospital in northern California where she met the challenges of providing quality health care to her community in an environment of limited resources. She thrived on positive changes and guided the development of one of America's earliest centers for rural health care management and advocacy, where she served as the first director of the AHA's Section for Small or Rural Hospitals. Her legacy is a benchmark for professional hospital management, rural community health development, and rural health representation and advocacy.

PAST RECIPIENTS: Rural Health Care Leaders

2014 - Harold Krueger, Chadron Community Hospital and Health Services (CCH&HS) in Chadron, NE for his innovative leadership. Krueger led the creation of Rural Nebraska Healthcare Network, which reshaped broadband communications in the Nebraska panhandle. He organized alliances with various organizations and agencies to provide a range of health care and social services to the community.

2013 - Susan Starling, Marcum and Wallace Memorial Hospital (MWMH) in Irvine, KY for her leadership in establishing medical homes and expanding access to wellness and preventative screening for under and uninsured patients as well as for establishing statewide partnerships that have improved the quality of and access to health care in rural Kentucky such as certification as the first Level IV Trauma Center in Kentucky.

2012 - James J. Bleicher, M.D., Verde Valley Medical Center (VVMC) in Cottonwood, AZ for a strong commitment to quality improvement and for collaborating with the community to improve access and bring vital services to vulnerable, underserved groups.

2011 - James Dickson, Copper Queen Community Hospital (CQCH) in Bisbee, Ariz., for providing leadership and vision in addressing opportunities and challenges in health care delivery through forming coalitions with other rural hospitals and securing funding for expanded information technology innovations.

Overview of the 2015 Selection and Awards Process

February	Section staff to send out application, appoint Selection Committee members, and promote award
August	Deadline for receipt of applications on August 21st Section staff to prepare application package and convene Selection Committee for review process
October	Selection Committee to select recipient and finalists Award recipient and finalists to be notified

Application Requirements

All applications should be accompanied by the following supportive data:

- A letter of recommendation from a hospital board member
- Applicant's current resume
- A letter of no more than three typewritten pages that clearly describes the applicant's qualifications and his/her reason for pursuing the award.
- Please include:
 - A brief description of applicant's hospital and community
 - Examples of one or more innovative programs that have met hospital or community needs
 - Evidence of collaboration with community leaders, physicians, and others
 - Evidence of success and sustainability of the program or programs in the hospital or community

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APPLICATION

This award is presented annually to a hospital administrator or CEO who has displayed outstanding leadership in meeting the ongoing challenges of small or rural hospital management.

The Section for Small or Rural Hospitals of the American Hospital Association invites you to apply for this prestigious award.

Complete the form below, typing or printing clearly all requested information, and fax or mail this entire page with all supporting information to:

Shirley Ann Munroe Leadership Award
c/o Jumel Ola
FAX: 312.278.0687 E-MAIL: jola@aha.org
Section for Small or Rural Hospitals
American Hospital Association
155 N. Wacker, 6th Floor
Chicago, IL 60606

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Applicant's Name (First, Middle, Last)

Title

Name of Institution

Address of Institution

City, State, Zip Code

E-Mail Address

Business Telephone

Business Fax Number

*Please direct inquiries about the Shirley Ann Munroe program and selection process to
Jumel Ola, 312.422.3345 or jola@aha.org. Also, visit our web site at
<http://www.aha.org/samaward>*