



2016 Application

The Rural Hospital Leadership Award from the **AHA Section for Small or Rural Hospitals** honors an individual who has guided his/her hospital and community through transformational change on the road to health care reform and displayed outstanding leadership and commitment to the Triple Aim – better health, better healthcare and lower costs.

The recipient will receive a **stipend for 2016 of \$1,500** to defray the honoree's expenses to attend the AHA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, or Health Forum Rural Leadership Conference in Phoenix. The AHA will work with the recipient and finalists to provide national recognition of your achievements through media releases and announcements and feature stories in our national print and electronic media publications.

Eligibility: Applicants must be the chief executive officer, president or administrator of an AHA member hospital located in a rural area. We encourage applications from hospitals that demonstrate they are on the road to health care reform.

We request a description of your efforts on one or more of the following initiatives:

- Coordinated care
- Improved population health through disease specific or public health interventions
- Clinical integration
- Accountable care, bundled payments and managed risk
- Advances in access to care
- Increased capacity of clinical workforce
- Extended or expanded access to coverage and
- Improved outcomes



Central to all these efforts and important to your application is evidence of community and patient engagement.

***Applications must be submitted by August 26, 2016.
Award recipient and finalists are notified in November***

Application Requirements

All applications should be accompanied by the following supportive data:

- Applicant's current resume
- A letter of no more than three pages that clearly describes the applicant's qualifications and his/her reason for pursuing the award.
- A letter of recommendation from a hospital board chair whenever possible.
- Please include:
 - A brief description of the 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

**Rural Hospital Leadership Award
Section for Small or Rural Hospitals
American Hospital Association
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c/o Jumel Ola**

Please complete this form and return with all supporting documentation.

POSTMARK DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY, August 26, 2016

Applicant's Name (First, Middle, Last)

Title

Name of Institution

Address of Institution

City, State, Zip Code

E-Mail Address

Business Telephone

**Please direct inquiries to Jumel Ola, staff specialist, at 312.422.3345 or jola@aha.org.
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