

Application - 2015
Dr. Frank Newman Rural Health Award
Montana Office of Rural Health/AHEC &
Montana Rural Health Association

The Montana Office of Rural Health/AHEC and Montana Rural Health Association are seeking nominations for the Dr. Frank Newman Rural Health Award. Dr. Newman represented the spirit of Montana in nearly 50 years of service to rural communities and healthcare in our state.

Dr. Newman was instrumental in founding the Montana WWAMI Medical School Program, the Montana Office of Rural Health, the Montana AHEC, the Montana Family Medicine Residency Program, and many other programs. He served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps, and was the founder of the Wind Drinkers running club. Dr. Newman counseled hundreds of young people interested in a career in medicine and other health professions. He was actively teaching in the WWAMI Targeted Rural Underserved Track at Montana State University, and working at the Montana Office of Rural Health/AHEC until his death at age 80 on Veteran's Day, 2011.

Nominations for the Award should reflect Dr. Newman's commitment to rural Montana, his support for health professions, his belief in the young people of our state, and his optimistic view of the future. Dr. Newman traveled to every corner of Montana, worked with rural hospitals and healthcare providers, and believed that communities had the capacity to support high quality healthcare. He helped many people persevere in their goals and hopes, and inspired many young people to pursue their dreams.

This year we are expanding the award categories. Three awards will be given:

1. Frank Newman Rural Health Leadership Award
2. Frank Newman Rural Clinician Leadership
3. Frank Newman Rural Health Emerging Leadership (High school, college or early career)

If you have questions you can email kjuliar@montana.edu or call 406-994-6003.

The awards will be announced at the Northwest Regional Rural Health Conference in Spokane, WA on March 18, 2015, as well as at the June 12, 2015 meeting of the Montana Rural Health Advisory Committee in Bozeman.

Please provide:

- The name and community of the nominee
- A short essay, approximately ½ to 1 page, describing how the nominee exemplifies the spirit of Dr. Frank Newman.
- The award category
- The names, contact information, and affiliations of the nominator(s)

Submit to Jordan Brown jordan.brown1@montana.edu , by March 3, 2015.