

## **Become a Rural Health Fellow**

The Rural Health Association of TN (RHA of TN) is excited to announce its second class of Rural Health Fellows of TN (RHF of TN). This program is geared toward highly motivated individuals who have a proven dedication to improving the health of rural Tennesseans through their educational and professional experience.

The goal of the fellow's program is to educate, develop and inspire a networked community of rural health leaders who will step forward to serve in key positions in the Rural Health Association of Tennessee, affiliated rural health advocacy groups, and local and state rural health focused initiatives.

The Rural Health Fellows should be committed to advocating on behalf of rural health and should be dedicated to the RHA of TN's mission. The program will include a focus on community-based health improvement programs and development of grassroots advocacy skills. In addition, rural health fellows will demonstrate a continuous desire to learn new skills, advance their knowledge, and serve their rural communities through advocacy and engagement efforts. Come join us and become a Rural Health Fellow of Tennessee!

## **Requirements**

- Be a member RHA of TN.
- 3-years rural-specific professional experience and commitment to improving the health of rural Tennesseans.
- Commitment to complete a minimum of 60 hours of Fellow Approved continuing education prior to applying to the fellow's program.
- Commitment to complete a Community Health Improvement Project or Legislative/Regulatory / Policy Position Paper related to rural health in Tennessee.
  - The Community Health Improvement Project must be conducted in a specific rural area of Tennessee and be of benefit to the population served.
  - The Legislative / Regulatory/ Policy Position Paper must address an emerging policy issue specific to rural health in Tennessee.

## **Take the Next Step**

Are you interested in taking the next step in your rural health career and have 3+ years of rural health experience? If so, now is your time. Applications will be accepted through June 15, 2020. Notification of acceptance into the program will be given by June 30, 2020. The deadline for completion of projects for this year's recognition will be October 15, 2020. Those designated as Rural Health Fellow for 2020 will be recognized at the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Rural Health Association of Tennessee in November.

If you have questions about this program, contact Kathy Atwood at (615)374-8157 or [kathyatwood@tcschools.org](mailto:kathyatwood@tcschools.org) or the Rural Health Association at (615)907-9707 or [rhat@rhat.org](mailto:rhat@rhat.org)

## 2020 Rural Health of Tennessee Fellow Application

Please complete the information below. Submit the **application** and the **\$100 application fee** to [RHAT@RHAT.org](mailto:RHAT@RHAT.org) by **June 15, 2020**.

Qualifications to become a Rural Health Fellow include:

- At least 3 years of rural-specific professional experience;
- Completed a minimum of 60 hours of approved rural health related continuing education over the three-year period previous to applying;
- An active member in good standing of the Rural Health Association of Tennessee; and
- Commitment to complete a Community Health Improvement Project or Legislative/Regulatory / Policy Position Paper related to rural health in Tennessee.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently an active member of the RHA of TN? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

### Selection Criteria

Please provide complete information on the following questions to determine your eligibility for participation in this program. (You may add additional pages to this application as needed to answer completely.)

1. Please list your years of professional rural health experience (a minimum of three years is required).  
(Please describe, including dates or attach your resume / CV)
2. Have you completed a minimum of 60 hours of Fellow Approved continuing education over the past three years? (Please attach or list events attended and dates (mo/yr). All RHA of TN events over the past three years are approved for this requirement with no description needed. If attended non-Association events that may apply, please include a description of the event along with title / date / hosting entity).
3. Which project area are: \_\_\_\_\_ Community Health Improvement Project  
(Choose one)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Legislative / Regulatory/Policy Position Paper
4. Describe your project plan in detail. Please note:
  - The Community Health Improvement Project must create a benefit specific to rural areas of Tennessee and must be presented in written format (a project paper). The project paper must be a minimum of 4 pages, use supporting literature or research, and contain results from the project.
  - The Legislative / Regulatory/Policy Position Paper must address emerging regulatory or policy initiative specific to rural health in Tennessee. The paper must be a minimum of 4 pages, use supporting literature or research and contain an impact analysis of the position on rural communities.