

RDAA Medical Student of the Year Award 2025

Nominations invited!

- **Healthcare colleagues, communities, community groups and individuals can nominate a deserving medical student who has shown a strong commitment to rural health**
- **All nominations will close at midnight on Sunday 6 July 2025**

Know a medical student who deserves to be recognised for their dedication to rural health? Nominate them for the RDAA Medical Student of the Year Award 2025!

Selection process

Members of the healthcare sector, rural communities, community groups and individuals are invited to nominate a deserving medical student for the Award.

Nominations must be supported by a brief (300-400 word) written response to the criterion listed below (to be attached via the online applications portal), as well as two written references (one from a clinical / healthcare / lecturer referee and one from a community referee) – these are also to be provided as an attachment.

A small sub-committee of the RDAA Board will determine the recipient.

The official announcement of the recipient will be made at RDAA and ACRRM's Rural Medicine Australia 2025 conference (RMA25) to be held in Boorloo (Perth) from 22-25 October 2025. Find out more at <https://rma.acrrm.org.au>.

The successful recipient will be advised of their Award by early August.

Award prize

The awardee will receive:

- A \$2000 payment to support them in undertaking a rural clinical placement (future placements only)
- Full RMA25 registration (including for the Conference Dinner and other ticketed events)
- Accommodation for 3 nights plus flights for RMA25 attendance
- Flights and an RMA Awards Dinner Ticket for the awardee's partner (or one family member)
- Invite to RDAA's Annual Politicians' Event (usually held in February/March each year in Canberra), and accommodation for 1 night plus flights to attend this function (awardee only)
- Free RDA membership for one year (if not already an RDA member)
- Framed award certificate
- National recognition within the rural medical sector

Award rules and selection criteria

We define medical students as those students who in 2025 are still undertaking their initial Medical degree and haven't yet graduated.

- Each nominator is eligible to nominate one medical student per year
- Self-nominations are not accepted

Nominees must be:

- Currently studying at an Australian university
- A member of their university Rural Health Club
- Progressing the objectives of RDAA, which focus on advancing the health of Australians living in rural and remote communities through the provision of a vibrant and sustainable medical workforce.

Nominators must indicate why the nominee should receive the Award, by giving examples of their record of achievement in rural healthcare against some or all of the following:

- Exceptional community participation / engagement in rural health activities (eg. significant Rural Health Club or other rural health stakeholder group involvement, and/or other rural health work or rural health career promotion work)
- Exceptional advocacy activities (eg. communications / contributions to increase awareness of rural and remote health)
- Exceptional commitment to building clinical and other skills, and demonstrating a clear intent to develop a rural medical career (eg. previous clinical placements or work experience in rural and remote areas)
- Other

Submitting your nomination

Please [click here](#) to complete the online nomination form (and attach your written response and written references). Receipt of entries will be acknowledged.

Please email Patrick at media@rdaa.com.au (and cc. office@rdaa.com.au) should you have any questions.