



**West Virginia  
Rural Health Association**

### **Leadership Cooperative Application**

The Leadership Cooperative program is aimed at exploring leadership, empowerment and creating a network of lifelong learners who understand the value of relationship building. The project is designed to support health care professionals in rural West Virginia with an opportunity to engage in professional growth and increase networking opportunities with others with a passion for rural residents and their health. The program is open to all persons associated with rural health and not limited to any particular profession or educational background.

The program format consists of independent and peer to peer learning, online group discussions and in person meetings over the course of 9 months beginning in March and ending with a project presentation at the annual conference. The sessions are broken into three modules: Leadership, Quality Improvement and Clinical Translation.

Participants are expected to attend 80% of the program meetings and complete the project to receive a Rural Health Leadership Certificate. The program fee of \$250.00 will be due within 30 days of beginning the program. Scholarships are available upon request. All travel expenses will be the responsibility of the participant or their agency.

**To apply complete and return to Rich Sutphin: [rich@wvrha.org](mailto:rich@wvrha.org) by February 20, 2026.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference attendance approved by your agency? Yes No**

**What do you hope to gain from the program?**

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