

**SCOTT COUNTY  
MORRIS A. MILLER AWARDS**

**Guidelines**

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**Public Health Department  
Marshall Road Transit Station  
1615 Weston Court  
Shakopee, MN 55379**

## **PURPOSE OF THE AWARD**

**The primary goal of each of the Morris A. Miller Awards is to recognize and honor individuals or organizations within Scott County that have exhibited exceptional courage, extraordinary decisiveness and presence of mind, and unusual swiftness of action to save and protect human life and property during emergency events involving the citizens and visitors of Scott County.**

**Commissioned by the Scott County Board, through the Scott County All Hazards Committee shall be responsible for seeking and reviewing yearly applications for the Morris A. Miller Health Hero Award and the Outstanding Service Award.**

## **BACKGROUND**

**In 2002, the Scott County Emergency Medical Services Council (EMSAC) established a “Health Hero Award/Outstanding Service Award” to honor those individuals and organizations that have performed service above and beyond the call of duty for their fellow citizens experiencing medical need. The awards were named the “Morris A. Miller Health Hero Award/Outstanding Service Award” in honor of the late Morris A. Miller. Mr. Miller was highly respected in the EMS Community and had worked diligently for many years in the area of pre-hospital care in Scott County and throughout the metro area. His achievements in the realm of public service establish the goals and objectives of the awards presented each year by Scott County. In 2013, the Scott County All Hazards Committee decided to add a third award honoring individuals for their length of service in consistently performing volunteer or community based work or employment involving emergency medical services.**

## **AWARD PROCESS**

**The Scott County Public Health Department assumes the overall responsibility for establishing the award criteria and identifying those individuals or organizations eligible for the awards. Nominee applications are submitted to the Public Health Department which forwards the applications to the Scott County All Hazards Committee. The Scott County All Hazards Committee shall establish a Sub-Committee of approximately three to five persons who will review each nominee application based on established criteria, including the application’s value and completeness. The Sub-Committee will also determine which award category best represents the award nominee.**

**The Scott County All Hazards Committee will make the final award determination based upon the Sub-Committee’s evaluations and recommendations before submitting determinations to the Public Health Director.**

**Parties receiving the Morris A. Miller Health Hero Award, Outstanding Service Award, or the Distinguished Service Award will be invited to attend a Scott County Board meeting for award presentation and recognition of their heroic efforts. The Public Health Director will present the recommended recipients to the Scott County Board.**

## **AWARD CRITERIA**

**Award criteria have been established to present awards in three categories:**

### **The Morris A. Miller Health Hero Award**

**Eligibility Criteria: Individuals who make a spontaneous reaction to an emergency while not thinking of their own safety during an unusual medical or life saving incident.**

**Nominees could be any citizen living, working, or passing through Scott County at the time of the incident who reacts to an incident and renders aid and care.**

### **The Morris A. Miller Outstanding Service Award**

**Eligibility Criteria: Professionals or volunteers who have made significant contributions toward improving the health and safety of Scott County residents as well as others in their care.**

**Nominees could be practitioners, advocates, administrators, volunteers, educators, researchers, policymakers, or other community members or organizations whose contributions should be recognized.**

### **The Morris A. Miller Distinguished Service Award**

**Eligibility Criteria: Individuals who have consistently performed community based work with emergency medical services, over a long period of time.**

**Nominees could be practitioners, advocates, administrators, volunteers, educators, researchers, policymakers, or other community members or organizations whose long-standing contributions and performance should be recognized.**

## **Eligibility Factors**

- **Application eligibility that will be considered include: innovation, leadership, compassion, collaboration, unselfishness, and lasting contributions to the health care system, organizations, and/or individuals.**
- **Applications for these awards may be based on a pattern of activities or a single act that have culminated in a significant improvement to the mission of Scott County to create safe, healthy, and livable communities and develop strong public partnerships with an active and informed population.**
- **Applications may also be based on a single unusual event that was beyond ordinary duty.**

## **NOMINATION PROCESS**

**To receive a Morris A. Miller Award, an individual or an organization must be nominated through the application process. Solicitation for nominee applications will be the responsibility of the Scott County Public Health Director.**

**Nominations for the Awards may be submitted by any individual or individuals, agencies, or organizations that identify any unusual acts of courage or valor.**

**All applications for the Morris A. Miller Awards must be submitted on the application form provided as an attachment to this document. Each application must be completely documented and signed by the recommending individual or agency to be considered. In addition to the application page, each application must include a descriptive narrative of the event or incident and resulting outcome for which the nominated applicant is being recommended. A copy of any media or press documentation should be included with the application and event narrative.**

**Statements by witnesses or individuals having personal knowledge of the facts surrounding the applicant's actions or activity subject to the award, should be included if available along with their addresses and telephone numbers.**

**All applications for the Morris A. Miller Awards must be submitted to the Scott County Public Health Department. Submission may be sent by FAX, E-mail, or U.S. Mail.**

**Applications submitted to:**

**Scott County Public Health Department  
Marschall Road Transit Station  
1615 Weston Court  
Shakopee, MN 55379  
Phone: 952-496-8555  
Fax: 952-496-8072  
E-mail: [lbrodsky@co.scott.mn.us](mailto:lbrodsky@co.scott.mn.us)**



Application for the
Scott County
Morris A Miller Awards

Candidate's name \*
Home mailing address
City State Zip Email
Home Phone ( ) Cell Phone ( )

Credentials (certifications, etc.)
RN MD EMT # Agency #
CFR EMT-B EMT-I EMT-P Instructor (Level: )

Other Credentials:

EMS/Law Enforcement/Fire /Other Affiliations

Name of Organization
Address of Organization
City State Zip Phone ( )
Role / Title

Indicate the category for which the applicant is being nominated.
(See awards descriptions and criteria.)

- Outstanding Service Award
Health Hero Award
Distinguished Service Award

REASONS FOR NOMINATION (DESCRIBE ON BACK WHY CANDIDATE SHOULD RECEIVE THIS AWARD).

Name of Person or Agency Submitting Nomination
Phone ( ) Work Phone ( )

(Signature)

It is your responsibility to discuss this nomination with your candidate, for his/her acceptance.

\* It is the responsibility of the nominator to verify the spelling of the candidate's first and last names.

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Please summarize the reason why this nominee should receive the award.

EMS Background:

Reason for award nomination:

Contribution/Impact to EMS: