**Special Olympics North Dakota**

**State Awards**

**Nominating Procedures**

Special Olympics North Dakota State Awards are presented to individuals, businesses, corporations, civic groups, and agencies that have performed outstanding volunteer service and/or provided financial support to the program within the past year.

Winners and nominees will be honored at the State Awards Banquet. Please note: Winners must be present

**Please forward this information to the Area/local Management Team, coaches, and family members.**

**NOMINATING PROCEDURES:**

1. Any individual may nominate more than one candidate in each category. Self-nominations will be accepted.
2. Please submit individual nominations not group votes.
3. Pertinent support materials may be submitted with the form. This can include letters, newspaper clippings, photographs, etc.
4. Additional information may be requested from the nominee or nominator.
5. Nominations can be submitted by the Area Director, Area Management Team members, law enforcement, coaches, and family members.
6. An individual can nominate for as more than one category.
7. Nomination forms must be returned to the Program Office.
8. Remember the Special Olympics Oath, Mission, and Philosophy statements when selecting your nominations.
9. Nominations are due to be turned in to the program office by ***August 1, 2023***

**Oath:**

Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.

**Mission:**

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic type sports for all children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills, and friendships with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

**Philosophy:**

Special Olympics is founded on the belief that people with intellectual disabilities can, with proper instruction and encouragement, learn, enjoy, and benefit from participation in individual and team sports, adapted as necessary to meet the needs of those with special intellectual and physical limitations.

Special Olympics believes that consistent training is essential to the development of sports skills, and that competition among those of equal abilities is the most appropriate means of testing these skills, measuring progress, and providing incentives for personal growth.

Special Olympics believes that through sports training and competition, people with intellectual disabilities benefit physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually; families are strengthened; and the community at large, both through participation and observation, is united in understanding people with intellectual disabilities in an environment of equality, respect, and acceptance.

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**State Award Nominations Form**

**Nomination Due Date August 1, 2023**

**Nomination Category** (Please check all that apply to the nominee)

* **Hall of Fame**
* **Athlete of the Year (Male)**
* **Athlete of the Year (Female)**
* **Coach of the Year**
* **Outstanding Volunteer**
* **Outstanding Family**
* **Outstanding Organization**
* **Outstanding School**
* **Youth Service**
* **Continuous Service**
* **LETR “Flame of Hope”**
* **Roger Kerns Character Award**

Nominee: Contact Person:

Daytime Phone: Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Length of Service to Special Olympics:

Certifications and other credentials (example: Coach of the Year):

Type of business/corporation/civic group/agency/school:

**WHY? Explain why you have chosen the nominee.** (Please feel free to use backside of form or attach additional sheets)

**WHAT? Give examples of the nominee’s involvement in Special Olympics.** (Include events, dates, examples of excellence)

Nominated by: Daytime Phone:

Address: City/Zip:

Send nominations to: Special Olympics North Dakota For more information call (701)746-0331
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