

Special Olympics North Dakota State Award Categories

Athlete of the Year Award

The award will be presented to an outstanding athlete who demonstrates the determination and dedication to sportsmanship, training, and athlete leadership opportunities. The athlete exemplifies the true skill, courage, spirit, and joy of participating in Special Olympics.

Coach of the Year Award

The award will be presented to an outstanding coach who demonstrates the true ideals of the coaching profession through sportsmanship, technical skills, and commitment to the well-being of the athletes and their performance. Prefer nominations to be certified Special Olympics coaches.

Outstanding Volunteer Award

The award will be presented to an individual who has provided leadership through volunteerism, commitment to the program and has impacted some aspect of the athlete and Special Olympics movement.

Continuous Service Award

The award will be presented to an individual, business, corporation, civic group or agency that, over the years, has been consistently committed to improving the lives of Special Olympics athletes through voluntary and/or financial support of Special Olympics.

Family Award

The award will be presented to the family of an athlete that carries the philosophy and mission of Special Olympics through sportsmanship, community access and exemplifies an active volunteer family.

Organization of the Year Award

The award will be presented to a business, corporation, civic group, or agency whose efforts through voluntary and/or financial support have significantly increased opportunities and experiences for Special Olympics athletes.

Inclusive Youth Leadership Award

The award will be presented to a volunteer 25 years of age or younger who has volunteered for Special Olympics within the past year and has demonstrated measurable service to the program. Shows initiative, enthusiasm, demonstrates leadership qualities and helps educate others about the program.

Unified Champion School of the Year Award

The award will be presented to the school or school system, which has best demonstrated its commitment to supporting Special Olympics athletes and programs. This is evidenced by involvement from its administration, educators, student bodies, and in-kind support.

LETR Flame of Hope Award

The award will be presented to an individual, business, corporation, civic group or agency that has supported the sportsmanship, partnership and prosperity between law enforcement and Special Olympics through voluntary and/or financial support of Special Olympics North Dakota.

Roger Kerns Character Award

The award will be presented to the Special Olympics participant that demonstrates leadership in their community or school, practices good sportsmanship on and off the field and exhibits their commitment to Special Olympics as a consistent participant, team leader, fundraiser, and advocate for Special Olympics.