

Area Award Nominations

Each year every Area will name the following award winners:

Athlete of the Year Coach of the Year Volunteer of the Year Family of the Year Spirit Award

It is up to you to nominate deserving individuals for these awards. The Nomination forms are below. Please complete the forms that you would like to nominate someone for and either mail or hand deliver these forms to the Area Director before the deadline for their Area Athletics competition.

The winner of each Area is then eligible to be nominated for the State Award that will be presented at Summer Games Opening Ceremonies.

AREA ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



Do you know a Special Olympics athlete who is a great athlete? We're looking for the athlete who tried harder and trains longer. This athlete may have low

level to high level skills, but is an individual committed to training to be the best athlete possible. This outstanding athlete exhibits great sportsmanship and encourages teammates and opponents to always do their very best. He or she competes to win but is graceful in defeat and even more determined to train harder to do better next time. If this reminds you of an athlete that you know, please nominate him/her to be honored as the Area Athlete of the Year. You and your nominee will be notified if the athlete is selected. The winner must attend the area Games. All area winner become nominees for State Athlete of the Year in May.

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Athlete's Name		C Female Age			
Parent/Guardian					
Athlete's Address					
Cell Phone	Home Phone Work Phone				
Name of Person Nominating Athlet		cionship hlete			
Cell Phone	Home Phone Work Phone				
Athlete's Number of years in Special Olympics Area Name					
Involved in what sports					
Extracurricular activities					
Recognition & Achievements					
Athlete Quote: What do you think of Special Olympics (SO)?					
Athlete Quote: What is your Favorite SO memory?					
Athlete Quote: How has SO affected your ife?					

Please attach a photo of the athlete and return this nomination form to your Area by the Area deadline.

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AREA COACH OF THE YEAR



Do you know a coach who goes that extra mile for his/her athletes? This person works harder, stays longer, makes more sacrifices and has an outstanding attitude that makes athletes think her/she is the greatest coach in the world! This coach is committed to quality training and challenges athletes to set and reach goals. If you know a coach with these qualities, nominate him/her to be honored as the Area Coach of the Year. You and your nominee will be notified if the coach is selected. The winner must attend the Area Games, All Area winners become nominees for State Coach of the Year in May. C Male Coach's Name Age C Female Name of Team Area Name Coach's Address Cell Phone Home Phone Work Phone Name of Person Relationship Nominating Athlete to Coach Cell Phone Home Phone Work Phone Coach's Employment & Position Number of years as SO Coach Other positions held in Special Olympics. Other community involvement. How is the Coach affected by participation with Special Olympics Athletes? Please explain why you think this coach should be selected as the Area Coach of the Year, Attach additional pages or other testimonial letters, if you

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like, from co-workes, athletes, parents, or assistant coaches.

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AREA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Do you know a volunteer who goes that extra mile for the athletes? This volunteer is committed to the athletes and really puts their all into volunteering for Special Olympics. If you know a volunteer with these qualities, nominate him/her to be honored as the Area Volunteer of the Year. You and your nominee will be notified if the volunteer is selected. The winner must attend the Area Games. All Area winners become nominees for State Volunteer of the Year in May. C Male Volunteer's Name Age C Female Volunteer's Address Cell Phone Home Phone Work Phone Name of Person Relationship Nominating Volunteer to Volunteer Cell Phone Home Phone Work Phone Volunteer's Employment & Number of years as **Position** SO Volunteer Other positions held in Special Olympics Other community involvement How is the Volunteer affected by participation with **Special Olympics** athletes? Please explain why you think this Volunteer should be selected as the Area Volunteer of the Year, Attach additional pages or other testimonial letters, if you like, from co-workers, athletes, parents or coaches.

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AREA FAMILY OF THE YEAR



The Area Family of the Year Award has been established to recognize outstanding dedication and family commitment to Special Olympics and to the family's Special Olympics Athlete. If you know of a family who have been especially encouraging, enthusiastic, involved and caring throughout their athlete's participation in Special Olympics; a family who has been a part o their athlete's Special Olympics experience; nominate that family to be honored as the Area Family of the Year. You and your nominees will be notified if the family is selected. The winner must attend the Area Games. All Area winners become nominees for State Family of the Year in May.

Family's Name (include family members' names)			
Name of Family's Specia	ol Olympics Athlete(s)		
Family's Address			
Cell Phone	Home Phone Work Phone		
Name of Person Nominating Family	Relationship to Family		
Cell Phone	Home Phone Work Phone		
Number of years in Special Olympics Area Name			
In what ways is the family involved in Special Olympics?			
How has Special Olympics affected the lives of the athlete and family?			
Favorite family memories of Special Olympics			
Quoting the family, how do they feel about Special Olympics, their experiences and their athlete's achievements through participation in this program?			

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AREA SPIRIT AWARD



The Area Spirit Award has been designed to recognize Special Olympics athletes who, despite serious physical and/or mental challenges, have aspired to overcome and meet those challenges with grace and dignity. Through courage and determination, this athlete faces each challenge with a positive attitude and a can-do spirit. If this reminds you of an athlete you know, nominate him/her to be honored with the Area Spirit Award. You and your nominee will be notified if the athlete is selected. The winner must attend the Area Games. All Area winners become nominees for State Spirit Award in May.

Athlete's Name		(Male (Female Age			
Parent/Guardian					
Athlete's Address					
Cell Phone	Home Phone Worl	k Phone			
Name of Person Nominating Athlete		Relationship to Athlete			
Cell Phone	Home Phone Worl	k Phone			
Number of years in Special Olympics Area Name					
Involved in what sports					
What obstacles and challenges has this athlet overcome to participate i Special Olympics?					
How has Special Olympics affected this athlete's life					
Please define the qualitie this athlete displays that qualify him/her for the Spirit Award?	s				

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