

AREA AWARD NOMINATION

Each year every Area will name award winners, Coach of the Year, Athlete of the Year, Spirit Award, Volunteer of the Year, and Family of the Year.

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

SPECIAL OLYMPICS OKLAHOMA

AREA ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

We're looking for the athlete who tries harder and trains longer. This athlete 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 you know, 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 winners become nominees for State Athlete of the Year in May.

Name of Special Olympics Athlete _____ Sex _____ Age _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Athlete Address/City/Zip _____

Athlete Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Name of Person Nominating Athlete _____ Relationship _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Athlete's # of years in Special Olympics _____

Involved in what sports _____

Extracurricular activities _____

Recognition & Achievements _____

Athlete Quote: What do you think of Special Olympics? _____

Athlete Quote: What is your favorite Special Olympics memory? _____

Athlete Quote: How has Special Olympics affected your life? _____

**PLEASE ATTACH A PHOTO OF THE ATHLETE - a Polaroid or snapshot
RETURN THIS NOMINATION TO YOUR AREA BY THE AREA ATHLETICS 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 he/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 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.

Name of Person Nominating Coach _____ Relationship _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Name of Special Olympics Coach _____ Sex _____ Age _____

Name of Team _____

Coach Address/City/Zip _____

Coach Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Coach's Place of Employment & Position _____

Number of Years as a S.O. 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 like - from co-workers, athletes, parents or assistant coaches.

PLEASE ATTACH A PHOTO OF THE COACH - a Polaroid or other photo

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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 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.

Name of Person Nominating Volunteer _____ Relationship _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Name of Special Olympics Volunteer _____ Sex _____ Age _____

Volunteer Address/City/Zip _____

Volunteer Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Volunteer's Place of Employment & Position _____

Number of Years as a S.O. 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.

PLEASE ATTACH A PHOTO OF THE VOLUNTEER - a Polaroid or other photo
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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 of 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.

Name of Family _____

Address/City/Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Name of Person Nominating Family _____ Relationship _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Name of Family's Special Olympics Athlete(s) _____

Family's Years of Involvement in Special Olympics _____

In what ways is the family involved in Special Olympics? _____

How has Special Olympics affected the lives of the athlete & 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 _____

PLEASE ATTACH A PHOTO OF THE FAMILY - a Polaroid or other photo

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AREA SPIRIT AWARD

The Area Spirit Award has been designed to recognize Special Olympics athletes who, despite serious physical &/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.

Name of Special Olympics Athlete _____ Sex _____ Age _____

Parent / Guardian Name _____

Athlete Address/City/Zip _____

Athlete Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Name of Person Nominating Athlete _____ Relationship _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Athlete's # of years in Special Olympics _____

Involved in what sports _____

What obstacles & challenges has this athlete overcome to participate in Special Olympics? _____

How has Special Olympics affected this athlete's life? _____

Please define the qualities this athlete displays that qualify him/her for the Spirit Award _____

PLEASE ATTACH A PHOTO OF THE ATHLETE - a Polaroid or school photo

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