

## Special Olympics North Dakota 2011 State Award Categories

### **Athlete of the Year Award (Male & Female)**

Presented to both a male and female 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**

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 (Local/Area & State Level)**

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.

### **Outstanding Family Award**

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 as a whole.

### **Outstanding Organization Award (Local/Area & State Level)**

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.

### **Outstanding School Award**

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.

### **Youth Service Award**

Presented to a volunteer 22 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.

### **Continuous Service Award**

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.

### **Law Enforcement Torch Run ® “Flame of Hope” Award**

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.

### **\* Hall of Fame Award**

Special Olympics North Dakota will honor and publicly recognize individuals and athletes who have made outstanding contributions in North Dakota, based on reputable performance attested to a personal record of accomplishment. A goal of the Hall of Fame is to provide current and future athletes and volunteers an image of a great role model for SONDA athletes, volunteers, and family members.

Hall of Fame nominations require a separate nomination form. Contact the Program Office if you have a Hall of Fame nominee.

**Special Olympics North Dakota  
2011 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 Management Team, coaches, and family members.**

**NOMINATING PROCEDURES:**

- ◆ Any individual may nominate more than one candidate in each category. Self-nominations will be accepted.
- ◆ Please submit individual nominations not group votes.
- ◆ Pertinent support materials may be submitted with the form. This can include: letters, newspaper clippings, photographs, etc.
- ◆ Additional information may be requested from the nominee or nominator.
- ◆ Nominations can be submitted by the Area Director, Area Management Team members, law enforcement, coaches, and family members.
- ◆ An individual should nominate for as many categories as possible.
- ◆ Nomination forms must be returned to the Program Office.
- ◆ Remember the Special Olympics Oath, Mission, and Philosophy statements when selecting your nominations.

**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.

**Special Olympics North Dakota  
2011 State Award Nominations Form**

**Nomination Forms Due by: August 25**

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

- Athlete of the Year (Male)
- Athlete of the Year (Female)
- Coach of the Year
- Outstanding Volunteer
- Outstanding Family

- Outstanding Organization (State)
- Outstanding Organization (Local/Area)
- Outstanding School
- Youth Service
- Continuous Service
- "Flame of Hope"

\* **Hall of Fame**

Hall of Fame nominations require a separate nomination form. Check the box and write the name of your nominee below. After submitted the Program Office will send you the nomination form. Thank you

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Length of Service to Special Olympics: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ (Athlete of the Year & Youth Service)

Certifications and other credentials (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, etc.)

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Send nominations to: Special Olympics North Dakota  
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