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This award will be presented annually to Special Olympics Saskatchewan Program Volunteer who works 'behind the scenes', consistently going above and beyond the call of duty to ensure the smooth operation of their program(s) and the enjoyment of all athletes involved.

## **NOMINATIONS**

Each Special Olympics accredited district/community is encouraged to nominate program volunteer(s) who they feel are worthy of receiving this prestigious award. Nominations are accepted from any SOS member in good standing including: the executive committee, coaches, volunteers, athletes, Board of Directors, Sport Advisory Committee, and the provincial office by the annual deadline date. All nominations must be accompanied by a Nomination Form (attached), a minimum of one (1) letter of reference and maximum of two (2), and either a digital photo OR a passport sized photo.

*NOTE: Any additional forms/letters of support **will not** be considered by the Selection Committee when reviewing the nominations.*

The Special Olympics Saskatchewan Awards committee will carefully review the nominations and select the winners.

## **AWARD CRITERIA**

Nominations will be judged on the strength of their submission by the criteria described in the following:

- I. **CONTRIBUTION TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS PROGRAM(S) AND/OR ATHLETES**
  - How has the program volunteer contributed to the program, promotion and development of the program with the community, and/or the Special Olympics community as a whole?
- II. **PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
  - Is the program volunteer involved in personal development and continuing professional development?
  - Does the nominee display characteristics of integrity and exemplary conduct?
- III. **LEADERSHIP**
  - What is the conduct of the program volunteer? Are they a positive role model for the athletes and for other volunteers? Does the program volunteer provide stable and consistent leadership qualities? Do they teach and practice cooperation, self-discipline, respect for officials and opponents, and proper attitudes in language, dress, and deportment?

## **AWARD RECOGNITION**

- This award will be presented to the successful recipients at the SOS Provincial Awards Banquet held annually.
- The recipients will receive an Unsung Hero Award plaque.
- The recipients' names will be added to the Special Olympics Saskatchewan Recognition plaque.
- The recipient and nominees may be highlighted and publicly recognized by Special Olympics Saskatchewan for their achievement(s). This may include such things as; postings on social media sites, newspaper/journal articles, community newsletters, etc.
- The recipient may be further considered for other Special Olympics Canada National Awards

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*To be completed by a Special Olympics Chapter Office Representative*

Nominee's Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Postal Code: _____
Telephone Number: (H) _____ (B) _____
Email: _____

*Please complete the following information in support of this nomination.*

**I. CONTRIBUTION TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS PROGRAM(S) AND/OR ATHLETES**

**How has the program volunteer contributed to the program, promotion and development of the program within the community and/or the Special Olympics community as a whole?**

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## **II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Please state professional development opportunities the program volunteer has undertaken to improve their service to Special Olympics?**

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## **III. LEADERSHIP**

**Provide specific examples of how the program volunteer has demonstrated and practiced self-discipline, co-operation, and respect for officials and opponents, and proper attitudes in language, dress and deportment.**

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**Please complete the nomination form and return by the deadline date of each program year.**

Nominated by: _____		
Address: _____		
City/Town: _____	Postal Code: _____	
Phone Number: (H) _____	(W) _____	
E-mail: _____		
_____	_____	_____
(Signature)	Position relating to SOS	Date
_____	_____	_____
(Witness Signature)	Position relating to SOS	Date

FOR OFFICE ADMIN ONLY:	
DATE RECEIVED:	
MEMBER SINCE:	
NCCP#:	
INITIALS:	