

Section: PROGRAM
Topic: Volunteer of the Year
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This award designation will be presented to Special Olympics Saskatchewan's most outstanding volunteer.

NOMINATIONS

Each Special Olympics accredited district/community is encouraged to nominate volunteers who they feel are worthy of receiving this prestigious designation. 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 recipient.

AWARD CRITERIA

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

- Special Olympics volunteers (other than coaches) who have made a significant contribution will be considered. Service clubs and corporations are not eligible
- The nominee should be known and highly respected within their community/district and across the province
- The nominee should illustrate strong leadership and have made an outstanding contribution in one or more of the following areas: sport, marketing/fundraising, administration, and/or major games.
- The nominee should be dedicated to the Special Olympics movement and should display characteristics on integrity and exemplary conduct.
- The volunteer should have a minimum of five (5) years of service as a Special Olympics volunteer

AWARD RECOGNITION

- This award will be presented to the successful recipient(s) at the Provincial Awards Banquet held annually.
- The recipient(s) will receive a Volunteer of the Year plaque.
- The recipients' name will be added to 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.
- This individual may be further considered for the Special Olympics Canada National Jim Thompson Award.