

# Distinguished Service Awards



**Special  
Olympics**  
Montana

The Distinguished Service Awards given by Special Olympics Montana provide a unique and important opportunity to recognize outstanding members of the SOMT community. You are invited to nominate these individuals and groups who have made significant contribution to the Special Olympics Montana mission. The deadline to nominate is September 12, 2020.

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## Rules and Nomination Process

**Rules** Those submitting nominations are encouraged to include supporting documents. These may include: a short letter of recommendation (75-100 words), newspaper clippings, photographs, or videos (videos must be limited to 8 minutes).

Reminder, only two additional pieces of supporting documentation will be accepted, in addition to the four questions in this form.

Anyone may submit a nomination and there is no limit to the number of nominations you may submit.

**Nomination Process** The DSA Committee is comprised of volunteers from throughout our 12 geographical areas; the local Area Management Teams vote for those volunteers who will serve as part of the committee. The DSA Committee reviews each nomination and compares the information presented about the volunteer with the criteria established for each award. They only know what is presented in the completed nominations.



Submit Nominations to Nancy Undercofler,  
Outreach Director at: [nundercofler@somt.org](mailto:nundercofler@somt.org)  
PO Box 3507, Great Falls, MT 59403  
Fax-(406)454-9043

Forms can also be filled out online at [somt.org/dsa](http://somt.org/dsa)

# Nomination Categories



## **Special Olympics Montana Athlete of the Year**

For the athlete who epitomizes the spirit of a true winner by a willingness to help others and give his or her very best while displaying outstanding courage and sportsmanship.

## **Outstanding Youth Volunteer**

For the best example of volunteerism by a youth 18 years or under that serves to improve the quality of Special Olympics program and models a world of acceptance, respect, and inclusion.

## **Outstanding Unified Champion**

For a K-12 Unified Champion school that effectively and successfully embraces Unified Sports, Youth Leadership and Advocacy, and Whole School Engagement.

## **Outstanding Local Special Olympics Program**

For the accredited Special Olympics program that shows the greatest improvement, best exemplifies the Special Olympics spirit and concept, and provides a well developed year-round program for the athletes, coaches, volunteers and families of Special Olympics Montana.

## **Hall of Fame Award**

Qualifying volunteer must have given a minimum 15 years of service to Special Olympics Montana. This award recognizes the lifetime achievement of an individual who has given exemplary service to the mission of Special Olympics Montana. This individual has charted new levels of excellence and enriched the lives of Special Olympics athletes and our community with strength of character, wonderful spirit, compassion and insightful leadership.

## **Outstanding Adult Volunteer**

For the best example of a currently registered adult volunteer that serves to improve the quality of Special Olympics at the local, area or chapter level.

## **Outstanding Coach**

For the volunteer or professional who, as a certified Special Olympics coach in any official Special Olympics sport, best demonstrates the high degree of technical skill, commitment and compassion needed to motivate and train athletes for competition and for life.

## **Outstanding Family**

For the family of a Special Olympics athlete that makes unique and lasting contributions to the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities through Special Olympics Montana.

**Nominee** \_\_\_\_\_

**Award Category** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Information** *(If Available)*

Phone- \_\_\_\_\_ Email- \_\_\_\_\_

Team or Area  
Association \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator's Information** Nominator's Name- \_\_\_\_\_

Phone- \_\_\_\_\_ Email- \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation with SOMT \_\_\_\_\_

**How does the Nominee support Special Olympics Montana?**

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**How many years has the nominee been involved with SOMT?**

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**At what level is this nominee involved with SOMT? (State, Area, or Local)**

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**What qualifications & contributions does this nominee bring to SOMT?**

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