

Special Olympics Michigan

Rick VanderSloot Winter Sports Award and Timothy Krause Bunbury Award

I. Annual Awards

The *Rick VanderSloot Winter Sports Award* will be presented annually during the State Winter Games in memory of Rick VanderSloot. VanderSloot was a member of the Schuss Mountain and Sugar Loaf Mountain Resort management staff. He gave much of himself to the athletes who participated in the State Winter Games. VanderSloot died unexpectedly in 1982.

The *Timothy Krause Bunbury Award* will be presented annually during the State Winter Games in memory of Timothy Krause Bunbury. Timothy was an avid skier who passed away at a young age, and his family felt that an award in Timothy's honor should recognize a SOMI athlete who enjoyed and excelled in skiing.

II. Purpose of Awards

Special Olympics Michigan desires to recognize, in memory of Rick VanderSloot, a Special Olympics athlete who will participate in the State Winter Games and who has:

1. Participated in some form of winter sports training program in his/her home area.
2. Participated in Area Winter Games.
3. Shown by his/her actions to be a true sportsman throughout his/her training and competition.
4. Trained and competed with the knowledge and understanding that "Nothing is impossible if I try."

Special Olympics Michigan desires to recognize, in memory of Timothy Krause Bunbury, a Special Olympics athlete who will participate in the State Winter Games and who has:

1. Trained diligently in the sport of alpine skiing.
2. Approached the sport with enthusiasm.
3. Maintained his/her sense of humor.
4. Achieved excellence at his/her own level whether beginning, intermediate or advanced.
5. Showed that he or she was indeed brave in the attempt.

III. Method of Nomination

Each area director may nominate one athlete from his/her area to be considered for each award. The same form can be utilized for either award.

Nominations must be submitted to the state office, postmarked or faxed no later than **January 13, 2012** to Kimberly Purdy.



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IV. Criteria for Judging

The selection committee will consider the following minimum criteria for the VanderSloot Award:

The Area Director must indicate on an attached sheet with the form that the nominee:

- engaged in a winter sports training program.
- participated in the area's Winter Games.
- by his/her actions, was a true sportsman throughout his/her training and competition.
- will attend the State Winter Games.

The selection committee will consider the following minimum criteria for the Bunbury Award:

The Area Director must indicate on an attached sheet with the form that the nominee:

- trained diligently as an alpine skier.
- approached the sport with enthusiasm.
- maintained his/her sense of humor.
- achieved excellence at own level.
- demonstrated the Special Olympics oath.

V. Award Presentation

The annual *Rick VanderSloot Winter Sports Award* will be presented during Opening Ceremonies of the State Winter Games.

The annual *Timothy Krause Bunbury Award* will be presented during Closing Ceremonies of the State Winter Games.





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2012 Nomination Form

Nomination forms must be postmarked or faxed to the Special Olympics Michigan state office **January 13, 2012** to Kimberly Purdy. Please note some of the information requested is used in preparing a press release. Please be sure information provided is accurate and detailed.

Area _____ Area Director _____

Area Director best contact phone number _____

Area Director email address _____

Nominee (Athlete) Name _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (work) _____ (home) _____ (cell) _____

Email Address: _____

Nominee birthdates _____ Nominee number of years competing _____

Athlete's Jacket Size (In Men's sizing): _____

This athlete being nominated for (please check one):

VanderSloot Award Bunbury Award (must be alpine skier)

If this athlete is not chosen to receive the award, would you like a letter send congratulating him/her on being nominated?

Yes No

Number of years of involvement with Special Olympics: _____

Sports the athlete has competed in: _____

Please verify the following information:

Athlete is participating in winter sports training
 Athlete will participate in Area Winter Games





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I nominate this athlete for the **Rick VanderSloot Award** or the **Timothy Krause Award**, and I have attached a separate sheet of paper describing how this athlete meets the criteria for the award as listed above.

***Note: On your separate sheet of paper, please provide some examples of why you will feel this athlete is a strong candidate for the award. It is very difficult for the selection committee to make decisions about athletes when very little information or stories are shared about those athletes. ***

Area Director's Signature _____ Date _____

Additional information needed for use in press release:

-Does the athlete work? _____ If so, where and for how long? _____

-Does the athlete attend school? _____ If so, where and what grade? _____

-Does the athlete attend college? _____ If so, where, what class(es) and what major? _____

-Is the athlete a Global Messenger? _____

-Has the athlete attended any National or World Games? If so, please provide details like the year, which event(s) and how they placed. _____

-Has the athlete been a recipient of any awards in the past? _____ If so, please list award names, year received, etc. _____

-What are the athlete's hobbies or interests? _____

-Please share anything else of interest _____

