



Special Olympics
Michigan

Inspirational Athlete Award

I. Purpose

The Inspirational Athlete Award is an annual award presented at both the area and state levels. Area Directors may determine the appropriate procedure and time for naming and recognizing their area's Inspirational Athlete.

II. Criteria

The criteria for selecting the Inspirational Athlete consists of the following items:

- The athlete should exemplify the motto, "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."
- The athlete should show a strong desire to do his or her best.
- The athlete should display good sportsmanship and appreciation for fellow athletes.
- The athlete should encourage others to compete toward their greatest abilities.
- The athlete should exhibit a positive attitude toward Special Olympics training and competition.

III. Method of Nomination

Each area may submit one name for the Inspirational Athlete to the state office using the attached nomination form. Nominations must be postmarked, faxed or emailed to the state office no later than **April 1, 2011**. Please fax to (989) 774-3034 or email it to Heidi Alexander at heidi.alexander@cmich.edu.

A selection committee (made up of the SOMI Board of Directors' Public Relations Committee) will review all nominations and select the SOMI Inspirational Athlete.

IV. Award Presentation

The award presentation will take place during Closing Ceremonies of the State Summer Games **June 3, 2011**.



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Nomination Form



Nomination forms must be postmarked or faxed to the SOMI state office no later than **April 1, 2011.**

Area _____

Nominee Name _____

Address _____

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

Email address _____

If this athlete is not chosen for the award, would you like a letter sent congratulating him or her on being nominated? ____ Yes ____ No

Number of year's athlete has been involved with Special Olympics _____

Please answer each section of this nomination form.

1. Describe how the nominee best exemplifies the motto, "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."
2. Provide an example or examples of the nominee's strong desire to do his or her best.
3. How does the nominee display good sportsmanship and appreciation for fellow athletes?
4. Describe how the nominee encourages others to compete toward their greatest abilities.
5. Provide an example of the nominee exhibiting a positive attitude toward Special Olympics training and competition.

Area Director's Signature _____

Date _____

