

**Special Olympics Michigan**  
**2023 Rick VanderSloot Winter Sports Award & Timothy Krause Bunbury**  
**Nomination Form**

Nomination forms must be submitted no later than January 2, 2023 to [somi@somi.org](mailto:somi@somi.org). The winner will be announced at the 2023 SOMI State Winter Games. If you need additional space to complete the responses on this nomination form, please include them on a separate document.

Nominee Name:

Nominee Address:

City:

MI:

Zip:

Nominee or nominee family contact information:

Telephone:

Email Address:

Athlete jacket size (unisex):

This athlete is being nominated for (please check one): \_\_\_ VanderSloot Award \_\_\_ Bunbury Award

Please verify the following information:

- Athlete is participating in winter sports training    YES        NO
- Athlete will participate in Area Winter Games    YES        NO

Number of years the individual has been involved with Special Olympics:

What sports do they compete in? Please include the number of years athlete has played any Winter Games sport.

How has this athlete engaged in Winter sports training at an area and state level?

How does this athlete demonstrate sportsmanship among their peers?

If applying for the Bunbury award, how has this athlete trained and grown as an alpine skier? Describe an example of how this athlete has maintained a sense of humor and grown.

Is there any other information you feel the committee members should consider?

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**PURPOSE**

The Rick VanderSloot Winter Sports Award is presented annually during the State Winter Games in memory of Rick VanderSloot. VanderSloot was a member of the Schuss Mountain & 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 is 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.

**CRITERIA**

The criteria for selecting the Rick VanderSloot Award consists of the following items – the Athlete:

- Participated in some form of winter sports training program in their home area.
- Participated in Area Winter Games.
- Shown by their actions to be a true sportsman throughout training and competition.
- Trained and competed with the knowledge and understanding that “Nothing is impossible if I try.”

The criteria for selecting the Timothy Krause Bunbury Award consists of the following items – the Athlete:

- Trained diligently in the sport of alpine skiing.
- Approached the sport with enthusiasm.
- Maintained their sense of humor.
- Achieved excellence at their own level whether beginning, intermediate or advanced.
- Showed that they were indeed brave in the attempt.

**METHOD OF NOMINATION**

Each area may submit one name for the Rick VanderSloot or Timothy Krause Bunbury Award. Nominations must be submitted no later than January 2, 2023. Please submit forms to [somi@somi.org](mailto:somi@somi.org)

**AWARD PRESENTATION**

The annual Rick VanderSloot Winter Sports Award and the annual Timothy Krause Bunbury Award will be presented during Opening Ceremony of the 2023 State Winter Games. Athletes will be presented with a Wertz Warrior green jacket. More information to follow.