

Special Olympics Michigan
2022 Inspirational Athlete Award Nomination

Nomination forms must be submitted no later than Nov 1, 2022. Winners will be announced at "The SOMI's" Award Ceremony Dec 2, 2022. If you need additional space to complete the responses on this nomination form, please include them on a separate document.

Area:

Nominee Name:

Nominee Address:

City:

MI:

Zip:

Nominee or nominee family contact information:

Telephone:

Email Address:

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

What sports do they compete in?

Do they attend school or college?

If so, which one?

Are they involved on any committees or groups?

If yes, name them:

How does the athlete spread the word about the Special Olympics Movement?

Is the athlete employed?

If yes, where and for how long?

How has involvement with SOMI changed their life?

Describe how the nominee best exemplifies the motto, "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

Provide an example or examples of the nominee's strong desire to do their best.

Describe how the nominee encourages others to compete toward their greatest abilities.

Provide an example of the nominee exhibiting a positive attitude toward Special Olympics training and competition.

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

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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. The state Inspirational Athlete Award will be announced at The SOMI's Award Ceremony.

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 their 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.

METHOD OF NOMINATION

Each area may submit one name for the Inspirational Athlete. Nominations must be submitted no later than Nov 1, 2022 to somi@somi.org.

AWARD PRESENTATION

The award presentation will take place at the Unified Sports and Inclusion Center in Grand Rapids the evening of Dec 2, 2022. Details to follow.