



Nominee Descriptions

Outstanding awards honorees are chosen because of their longevity and/or significant impact to our movement.

OUTSTANDING ATHLETE – Recognizes the Special Olympics athlete who, over many years, exemplifies true sports skill, courage, sharing and joy.

OUTSTANDING COACH – This individual must have demonstrated sportsmanship to the athletes and have shown the best example of quality sports training of their Special Olympics athletes.

OUTSTANDING UNIFIED PARTNER – Recognizes the Unified Partner who demonstrates sportsmanship, teamwork, and dedication to their Special Olympics program.

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER – The best example of voluntary action to improve the quality of the Special Olympics program.

OUTSTANDING FAMILY – The family that has demonstrated true dedication to the program.

OUTSTANDING PROGRAM or SPORTS TEAM – For the Special Olympics Program which has demonstrated organizational quality and concern for improving the skills of its athletes through Special Olympics.

OUTSTANDING CORPORATION or BUSINESS – The best example of year-round voluntary effort or support which has improved the quality of the Special Olympics program.

OUTSTANDING AGENCY or NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION – The best example of year-round voluntary effort or support which has improved the quality of the Special Olympics program.

OUTSTANDING MEDIA/PHOTOGRAPHY – The best example of media coverage (newspaper, radio, television, photography, social media).

OUTSTANDING UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOL – For the school program and/or leader that best exemplifies creating inclusive opportunities within the three pillars of the UCS program: Unified Sports, Whole School Engagement and Youth Leadership.

OUTSTANDING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY or VOLUNTEER – For the law enforcement agency or volunteer that best exemplifies creating opportunities which strengthen the partnership between Delaware Law Enforcement and Special Olympics by championing acceptance and inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD – For the individual or organization that best demonstrates a sustained commitment to Special Olympics programming and ideals. This award honors an individual/organization whose unique contributions and impact stand out in ways that transcend our traditional categories.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT – Recognizes an individual for sustained excellence, outstanding contributions, and a lasting, long-term impact on the mission of Special Olympics. This honor highlights a person's lifetime of dedication, leadership, and enduring legacy to the program.

HALL OF FAME – Induction into the Hall of Fame, recognizes those few extraordinary individuals who stand out from the rest for their courage, dedication, determination, and sincere effort in championing the mission of Special Olympics. The performance and/or efforts of Hall of Fame members should stand as an example for others to emulate.