

# SOSO Award Criteria

The *Spirit of Special Olympics* (SOSO) Awards Program is our annual recognition of athletes, coaches, families, volunteers, and Law Enforcement Torch Run officers who have demonstrated outstanding support of Special Olympics Indiana. Each registered Program is encouraged to nominate those individuals who have exemplified the Special Olympics spirit of skill, courage, sharing and joy, and demonstrated an overall commitment to the Program. The nomination form is found on Page 198.

## GENERAL RULES

1. Nominations are due in the State Office by April 17, 2017 and should be based on achievements over the past year.
2. Nominations from an Area Program must be signed by the Area Director.
3. Nominations from a County Program must be signed by the County Coordinator.
4. All nominees must be in good standing with Special Olympics and meet the requirements for the respective category as outlined.
5. Areas will select a winner in each category. Members of the Special Olympics Indiana Board of Directors will review the nomination forms of the Area winners and select the State award winners.
6. A person may not receive the State award more than once in the same category, but may receive the Area award multiple times.
7. 2016 nominees who did NOT win an Area award will automatically be placed in the selection "pool" again for 2017 awards. Areas and Counties may still nominate new candidates.

## Criteria for the ATHLETE Award

1. May be given to an individual of any ability level.
2. Describe the depth of the athlete's participation in a single sport or the number of sports in which the athlete trains and competes.
3. What is the average amount of time the athlete spends per week in training?
4. Describe the athlete's general characteristics that may demonstrate his/her leadership role among fellow athletes.
5. What are the levels of participation (personal achievements or best results) that the athlete has achieved at local, state, or international activities and games?
6. What other roles or responsibilities has the athlete assumed within Special Olympics such as, but not limited to, ALPs, coaching, fundraising, council meetings, etc.?
7. What other responsibilities does the athlete have at home or in the community (i.e. church group participation, scouts, etc.)?

## Criteria for the COACH Award

1. Requirement - Must be a registered Class A Volunteer.
2. What Special Olympics coach certifications has the nominee obtained?
3. How many years has the coach been involved in Special Olympics Indiana?
4. If the coach currently has an athlete in his/her family, in what sports is the athlete involved?
5. If the coach does not have or no longer has an athlete in his/her family involved, what motivates him/her to continue to coach athletes?
6. Describe the coach's abilities to impact the training of athletes.

## Criteria for the FAMILY Award

1. Requirement - Must have an athlete in the family.
2. Describe to what extent all family members (beyond the parents) are involved with the athlete.
3. Describe the depth of the family's participation in a single sport or the number of sports in which the family trains athletes to compete.
4. How many years has the family been involved in Special Olympics Indiana activities and sports?
5. Has the family initiated a new program or refined an existing activity? If so, please describe.
6. Describe the impact of the family's involvement with athletes.
7. Describe the impact and support to other parents or groups in their Area.

## Criteria for the LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN OFFICER Award

1. Requirement - Must be a law enforcement officer or a civilian associated with a law enforcement agency.
2. The nominee's involvement must demonstrate a substantial contribution to the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.
3. Describe the officer's role in the Area or County Special Olympics Indiana Program.
4. How many years has the officer been actively involved with Special Olympics Indiana?
5. What is the average number of hours per week the officer spends with Special Olympics Indiana activities or special events?
6. Describe the officer's outreach to other officers and impact on the awareness of Special Olympics Indiana in the community. Achievements should be based over the past year.

## Criteria for the VOLUNTEER Award

1. Requirement - Must be a registered Class A Volunteer.
2. Describe the volunteer's role in the Area or County Special Olympics Indiana Program.
3. How many years has the volunteer been actively involved with Special Olympics Indiana?
4. What is the average number of hours per week the volunteer spends with Special Olympics Indiana activities or games?
5. Describe the type and extent of the volunteer's involvement, for example, as a Unified Sports® partner, chairperson of an event, etc.?
6. Describe the volunteer's outreach to other volunteers and impact on the awareness of Special Olympics Indiana in the community.

*Nominations are due in the State Office by April 17, 2017.*

# Spirit of Special Olympics Award Winners

## Athlete Award



**2016 Philip Baker Area 8**

2015	Alise Hazelett	Area 3
2014	Andrew Peterson	Area 8
2013	Melony Salla	Area 4
2012	Wes Hartwell	Area 4
2011	Kevin Callaghan	Area 5
2010	Adam Sandifer	Area 2
2009	Dustin Peterson	Area 4
2008	Charles Kuester	Area 10
2007	Katie Crawford	Area 8
2006	Andrea Boling	Area 11
2005	Stacy Barter	Area 11
2004	Sam McNew	Area 8
2003	Anthony Ingram	Area 4
2002	John Evans	Area 4
2001	Ashley Baker	Area 8
2000	Brent Bowgren	Area 1
1999	Shane McPheron	Area 8

## Coach Award



**2016 Heidi Bowman Area 6**

2015	Jackie Maier	Area 10
2014	Dave Black	Area 4
2013	Ron McGovern	Area 7
2012	Darlene Dietrich	Area 6
2011	Angie MacKenzie	Area 1
2010	Ellen Norfrey	Area 2
2009	Terri Hendle	Area 1
2008	Herman Atwood	Area 8
2007	Tracy Autrey	Area 8
2006	Jim Philhower	Area 8
2005	Judy Homler	Area 4
2004	Pat Boardman	Area 4
2003	Keith Shelton	Area 11
2002	Shari Rombold	Area 5
2001	Gary Beeker	Area 4
2000	Kitzi Chotlos	Area 8
1999	Terri Kriston	Area 4
1998	Mike Doyle	Area 4
1997	Monna VanSkyock	Area 6
1996	Nancy Shelton	Area 11
1995	Cathy Bates	Area 11
1994	Elizabeth Schlatterer	Area 10
1993	Dave Markley	Area 3
	John Jenkins	Area 12
	Arlene Gay	Area 9
	Barb Wilson	Area 9

## Family Award



**2016 The Hoffee Family Area 8**

2015	The Knipe Family	Area 8
2014	The Binggeli Family	Area 2
2013	The Parks-Oldham Family	Area 2
2012	The Hemphill Family	Area 1
2011	The Bock Family	Area 10
2010	The Bowling Family	Area 2
2009	The Lanpher Family	Area 8
2008	The Livesay Family	Area 4
2007	The Sutherlin Family	Area 4
2006	The McGovern Family	Area 10
2005	The Kedrowitz Family	Area 10
2004	The Crawford Family	Area 8
2003	The King Family	Area 6
2002	The Cauthon Family	Area 8
2001	The Bell Family	Area 5
2000	The Neff Family	Area 4
1999	The McNew Family	Area 8
1998	The Callaghan Family	Area 5
1997	The Galen Miller Family	Area 9
1996	The Vasquez Family	Area 1
1995	The Flatt Family	Area 2
1994	The Karris Family	Area 1
1993	The Riser Family	Area 5
1992	The Boardman Family	Area 4
1991	The Gilbert Family	Area 4
1990	The Brothers Family	Area 11
1989	The Lamb Family	Area 8
1988	Harvey Spitznagel	Area 12
1987	Pauline Hines	Area 11
1986	Darrell Nifong	Area 2
1985	Jacque Waisanen	Area 1
1984	Diane Deel	Area 4
1983	Edwin Hambley	Area 11

## Law Enforcement Torch Run Officer Award



**2016 Michael Mack Indianapolis Metro Police Dept.**

2015	Jacqueline Smith	Indiana State University PD
2014	Tommy Walker,	Indiana State Police
2013	Kevin Jackson,	New Castle Correctional Facility
2012	Lt. Bruce Barnes,	Noblesville Police Department
2011	Chief William Mercier,	Indiana State University Police Dept.
2010	Tim White,	Johnson County Sherriff's Department
2009	Mark Stahl,	Indianapolis Metro Police Department
2008	Lieutenant Mike Beck,	Indiana Law Enforcement Academy
	Captain Jim Reno,	Indianapolis Metro Police Department

## Volunteer Award



**2016 Ellen Norfrey Area 2**

2015	Rita Abell	Area 8
2014	Tim Kramer	Area 10
2013	Ty Faust	Area 6
2012	Paul Boling	Area 10
2011	Grace Schoonveld	Area 8
2010	Betty Stepek	Area 10
2009	Kathy Courtad	Area 5
2008	Becky Schanding	Area 2
2007	Connie King	Area 10
2006	Cinda Milan	Area 5
2005	Mary Jo Martin	Area 1
2004	Dave King	Area 11
2003	Rita Bianchi	Area 8
2002	Barb Cox	Area 6
2001	Lyn Doyle	Area 4

## Dennis Schmidt Impact Award



**2016 AMVETS of Indiana**

2015	Dr. Vincent Stilger
2013	Larkin "Buzz" Lail
2012	Knights of Columbus
2011	Chuck & Nikki Brueggeman
2010	Rob Hillman
2009	Bill Benner
2007	Lorrie Woycik
2006	Sally Hayden & Paul Reis
2005	John Lentz & Robert Toller
2004	Phil Bounsall & Eric Garrett