

MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARDS SOKS RECOGNITION PROGRAM Nomination Criteria and Deadline

Special Olympics

Kansas



GENERAL OVERVIEW

- The SOKS Recognition Program is open to individuals, organizations and businesses. Awards are based on completed nomination form, and nominee's interest in, and support of, the abilities and accomplishments of Special Olympics athletes as demonstrated through significant contribution at the Region and/or state level.
- To nominate a person or group for an award:
 - Complete all sections of the Awards Nomination Form
 - Provide at least one form of supporting material (criteria listed below)
 - Send the completed nomination form and supporting material to SOKS Headquarters office:
 - **EMAIL:**
pr@kssso.org
In reference line put: Award nomination
 - **Mail:**
Special Olympics Kansas
c/o Making a Difference Awards
5280 Foxridge Dr
Mission KS 66202
 - **FAX:**
913.236.9771
- Must be **RECEIVED** no later than the **first Friday in DECEMBER each year** in order to be considered.
- The Awards Committee will review all nomination forms and select the Regional Winners to be recognized at Regional Basketball Competitions the following year
- The Regional Winners will automatically be entered for the State Award. The State Award winners will be notified and recognized at Summer Games in the following year
- Questions? Contact Donna Zimmerman, pr@kssso.org or 913.236.9290 ext. 112

SUPPORTING MATERIAL

In addition to the nomination form being completed, all nominations must have at least **ONE** form of supporting material. This includes, but is not limited to, letters, stories, newspaper articles, photos, videos, etc. All materials will become the property of SOKS for promotional use.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Family of the Year

Recognizes a family, with a Special Olympics athlete, that has made unique and lasting contributions not only to benefit their athlete, but also to every aspect of the Special Olympics' spirit.

Coach of the Year

Recognizes the coach who best demonstrates the true ideals of the coaching profession; who leads by example, expects athletes to set and strive to reach goals, and demonstrates both technical skills and personal commitment to the overall well-being of athletes.

Program Volunteer of the Year

Recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution, has demonstrated an overall commitment and has gone above and beyond his/her assigned tasks/duties; thereby exemplifying the Special Olympics spirit. This volunteer maybe a coach, but selection is based on non-coaching contribution.

Special Event Volunteer of the Year

Recognizes an individual who has made a difference in special-event fundraising or marketing efforts or has significantly impacted other initiatives.

Business/Organization of the Year

Recognizes a club, business or organization whose efforts have significantly improved the Special Olympics athletes' experiences either locally, regionally or state-wide.

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