

2018 Annual Awards – Special Olympics Kansas

2018 Awards to be recognized in 2019.

Categories

- Special Olympics Kansas Hall of Fame (*statewide – athlete*)
- Family of the Year (*state award*)
- Coach of the Year (*state award*)
- Volunteer of the Year (*state award*)
- Organization of the Year (*regional award – each region*)
- Most Inspirational Athlete (*state award*)
- LaMunyon Hall of Fame (*statewide – law enforcement*)

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 or state level.
- To nominate a person or group for an award:
 - Complete all sections of the nomination form.
 - Provide at least one letter of recommendation
 - Send the completed nomination form and supporting material to SOKS Headquarters Office.
 - Email: watersh@kssso.org
 - Mail: Heather Waters, 5280 Foxridge Drive, Mission, KS 66202
 - Fax: 913-236-9771
- Nominations must be received no later than February 28, 2019 in order to be considered.
- The awards committee will review all nominations and select one finalist per region. Finalists will be contacted by April 15, 2019. Finalists will also be recognized in the May 2019 e-newsletter. Statewide winners will be recognized at the Summer Games opening ceremony.

Awards

- The statewide winner of the Family of the Year, Coach of the Year and Volunteer of the Year will receive a personalized gift along with recognition at Summer Games.
- The Organization of the Year awards will be given to one organization in each region of the state. Organizations will be recognized at a regional event in their home region and awarded a certificate.
- Hall of Fame Inductees will receive a personalized acrylic award and be recognized at the Summer Games opening ceremony.
- The Most Inspirational Athlete award will be recognized at the Summer Games banquet and dance with an acrylic award. They will light the cauldron to open Summer Games the following year.
- The Richard LaMunyon Hall of Fame inductee will receive an award and recognition at the Summer Games opening ceremony.