

SPECIAL OLYMPICS VIRGINIA ANNUAL AWARD NOMINATION FORM



Each year Special Olympics Virginia recognizes Athletes, Sponsors, Coaches, and Volunteers for their outstanding service and their contribution to the success of the mission of Special Olympics. The categories of award nominations are:

- 1) Athlete of the Year: presented to an athlete who has shown determination, dedication to training and true sportsmanship during his/her participation in Special Olympics Virginia.
- 2) Area Volunteer of the Year: presented to a volunteer for service given to carry out, improve and promote the activities and the mission of Special Olympics Virginia at the Local or Area level.
- 3) Coach of the Year: presented to a coach who has demonstrated a high degree of technical skill and personal commitment to the training of Special Olympics athletes.
- 4) Family of the Year: presented to the family who has made a unique and lasting contribution to Special Olympics Virginia to benefit the lives of Special Olympics Virginia athletes.
- 5) Virginia H Foster Winning Spirit Award: presented to an athlete or volunteer who has impacted the organization at multiple levels and has made an invaluable contribution the lives of Special Olympics Virginia athletes.
- 6) School or School District of the Year: presented to one school or school district that has embraced the philosophy of a Unified Community and the Special Olympics mission and has demonstrated a superior commitment to inclusion, acceptance, respect and dignity for all by integrating Special Olympics initiatives into their school programs and culture.

Please print or type, completing all blanks on this form that pertain to the Candidate you are nominating. Be sure spelling of nominee's name and address is correct and legible. Please note that not all sections below are for every award nomination. Submit separate forms for each individual. **You may duplicate this form if necessary. The deadline for submission of nominations is March 2, 2018.** Selection of award winners will be made by committee.

Please select the award category you are nominating this candidate for. Please only select one category for each candidate.			
	Athlete of the Year		Family of the Year
	Area Volunteer of the Year		Virginia H Foster Winning Spirit Award
	Coach of the Year		School/School District of the Year

PART A—General Information (Please fill out completely)

Award Candidate's/School Name:			
School Contact Name if for School Award:			
Area Number (If applicable):			
Street Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Telephone:	Daytime:	Evening:	
Cell Phone Number:			
Email:			
Name of person Completing this form:			
Area Number (if applicable):			
Position in Special Olympics: (ie. coach, area coordinator):			
Street Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Telephone:	Daytime:	Evening:	
Cell Phone Number:			
Email:			

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PART B— Fill out Part B for Athlete of the Year, Area Volunteer of the Year, Coach of the Year and Virginia H Foster Award Nominations only

How many years has the candidate been involved in Special Olympics Virginia?

What roles has the candidate filled in his/her involvement in Special Olympics Virginia? If nominating a candidate for Athlete of the Year list the numbers of years involved in sports and other activities related to Special Olympics.

Has the candidate been involved in National Games, World Games or National Invitational Tournament play? If so, which games, what sport or role, and when?

Does the candidate speak or promote Special Olympics in the community and how?

Is the candidate involved in any volunteer service outside of Special Olympics?

List any additional accomplishments/awards:

Briefly describe why you feel the candidate should be considered for this award.

PART C— Fill out Part C for School Nomination only

How many years has this school/school district been involved in Special Olympics Virginia?

What Unified Champions Schools Initiatives does this school/school district offer for its students?

How do school personnel promote Unified Champions Schools in their community?

Briefly describe why you think this school/school district be awarded the School/School District of the Year Award. How has this school/school district made a unique and lasting contribution to Special Olympics Virginia?

PART D— Fill out Part D for Family Nomination only

Please List the family members with the years that they have been involved in Special Olympics Virginia.

Family Member	Role	How many years have they been involved with each role?

How do the family members promote Special Olympics in their community?

Are any of the family members involved in any volunteer service outside of Special Olympics?

List any additional accomplishments/awards:

Briefly describe why you feel the family should be awarded the Family of the Year Award. Show how the family has made a unique and lasting contribution to Special Olympics Virginia to benefit the lives of Special Olympics Virginia athletes.

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