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This award will be presented annually to Saskatchewan's most outstanding male and female athletes.

Nominations:

Each Special Olympics accredited zone/community is encouraged to nominate athletes who they feel are worthy of receiving this prestigious award. Nominations are accepted from any SOS member in good standing including: **the executive committee, coaches, volunteers, athletes, Board of Directors, Sport Advisory Council, and the provincial office** by (annual deadline date). All nominations must be accompanied by a Nomination Form (attached), a minimum of one (1) letter of reference and either a digital photo OR a passport sized photo (hard copy).

The Special Olympics Saskatchewan Awards committee will carefully review the nominations and select the winners.

Award Criteria:

- Nominations will be judged on the strength and quality of their submission by the criteria described in the following athlete's oath:

*“Let me win,
But if I can not win
Let me be brave in the attempt.”*

- Please include information related to the nominee's success in his/her sport (i.e. doing their personal best to achieve their athletic goal), and improvement in athletic skill and/or personal growth and development.
- The nominee must also display sportsmanship, and be considerate of fellow athletes, coaches, and officials.

Award Recognition:

- This award will be presented to the successful recipients at the Provincial Awards Banquet held annually.
- The recipients will receive an Athlete of the Year plaque.
- The recipient's name will be added to Special Olympics Saskatchewan Memorial Plaque.
- The recipients will be recognized in the Special Olympics Saskatchewan newsletter.
- The athlete will be further considered for the National Male/Female Athlete of the Year award.

Nomination Form

Nominee's Name: _____	
Address: _____	
City: _____	Postal Code: _____
Telephone Number: (H) _____	(E-mail) _____
Gender: (Please Circle) Male Female	

Please complete the following information in support of this nomination.

I. ATHLETIC AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

a. Please provide specific examples of how this athlete has demonstrated improvement and in athletic skill and achieved success in sport (i.e. personal best, awards, placements at events, athletic goals, etc.).

b. How has the athlete demonstrated personal growth and development i.e. self-discipline, independence, self confidence, etc.?

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II. SPORTSMANSHIP

a. How has the athlete exemplified the true spirit of Special Olympics? Please provide specific examples (i.e. sportsmanship, community participation, commitment to sport, respect for oneself and others, etc.).

Please complete the nomination form and return by the deadline date of each program year.

Nominated by: _____		
Address: _____		
City/Town: _____	Postal Code _____	
Phone Number: (H) _____	(B) _____	
E-mail: _____		
_____	_____	_____
(Signature)	Position relating to SOS	Date
_____	_____	_____
(Witness Signature)	Position relating to SOS	Date

FOR OFFICE ADMIN ONLY:		
DATE RECEIVED:		Sports Registered In:
MEMBER SINCE:		
NCCP#:		
INITIALS:		

