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This award will be presented annually to a **Program Volunteer** who works 'behind the scenes' consistently going above and beyond the call of duty to ensure the smooth operation of their program and the enjoyment of all athletes involved.

Nominations:

Each Special Olympics accredited zone/community is encouraged to nominate program volunteer(s) 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), one (1) letter of reference and either a digital photo OR a passport sized photo (hard copy).

NOTE: Any additional forms/letters of support will not be considered by the Selection Committee when reviewing the nominations.

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

Award Criteria:

Nominations will be judged on the strength of their submission by the criteria described in the following:

I. CONTRIBUTION TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS PROGRAM(S) AND/OR ATHLETES

- How has the program volunteer contributed to the program, promotion and development of the program within the community and/or the Special Olympics community as a whole?

II. PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Is the program volunteer involved in personal development and continuing professional development?
- Does the nominee display characteristics of integrity and exemplary conduct?

III. LEADERSHIP

- What is the conduct of the program volunteer? Is s/he a positive role model for the athletes and for other volunteers? Does the program volunteer provide stable and consistent leadership qualities? Does s/her teach and practice cooperation, self-discipline, respect for coaches, officials and opponents, and proper attitudes in language, dress and deportment?

Award Recognition:

- This award will be presented to the successful recipients at the Provincial Awards Banquet held annually.
- The recipients will receive an Unsung Hero plaque.
- The recipients will be recognized in the Special Olympics Saskatchewan newsletter.

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

Please complete the following information in support of this nomination.

I. CONTRIBUTION TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS PROGRAM(S) AND/OR ATHLETES

a. How has the program volunteer contributed to the program, promotion and development of the program within the community and/or the Special Olympics community as a whole?

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b. What has the program volunteer done to encourage and support the development of athletes and/or other volunteers?

II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

a. Please state personal/professional development opportunities the program volunteer has undertaken to improve his/her service to Special Olympics?

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III. LEADERSHIP

a. Provide specific examples of how the program volunteer has demonstrated self-discipline, cooperation, respect for coaches, officials and athletes, and proper attitudes in language, dress and deportment.

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:	
MEMBER SINCE:	
NCCP#:	
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