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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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**Nomination Form**

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

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?**

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**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.**

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

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

<b>FOR OFFICE ADMIN ONLY:</b>	
<b>DATE RECEIVED:</b>	
<b>MEMBER SINCE:</b>	
<b>NCCP#:</b>	
<b>INITIALS:</b>	

