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This award will be presented annually to two (2) Special Olympics PEI athletes for their most outstanding athletic performance at a Provincial, National or International Competition.

## Nominations

Each Special Olympics PEI parent/guardian, coach and volunteer are encouraged to nominate athletes who they believe are worthy of receiving this award and who meet all the award criteria.

An ad-hoc subcommittee of the Special Olympics PEI Board of Directors will carefully review the nominations, and from them select six finalists for the Athlete of the Year Awards. Two athletes will be selected from the six finalists and be recognized as the winners.

## Award Criteria

- The nominee must be an active registered athlete with Special Olympics PEI.
- The nominee must be involved in Special Olympics program(s) throughout the year.
- The nominee must have attended a provincial qualifying event, a national games, or international games.
- The nominee must demonstrate improvement in athletic skill.
- The nominee must demonstrate improvement in personal growth and development.
- The nominee must exemplify the true spirit of Special Olympics.
- The nominee must display and be considerate of other athletes, coaches, volunteers and officials.


## Award Recognition

These awards will be presented at the Annual Special Olympics PEI Awards Presentation.

