

Golisano Health Leadership Award

2018-2019 Selection Process and Award Information

Special Olympics



Overview of the Golisano Health Leadership Award:

The Golisano Health Leadership Awards recognize health champions - leaders and organizations - that are making a significant contribution to equal access to health, fitness and/or wellness for people with intellectual disabilities. The awards also promote awareness for the progress and extraordinary efforts toward fulfilling the goals, values, and mission of Special Olympics health program. This is the highest Special Olympics honor for health partners.

There are four primary goals for these awards, distributed by local Special Olympics Programs:

1. Recognize those who are making a significant contribution to increasing access to inclusive health, fitness and/or wellness in the communities in which people with intellectual disabilities live.
2. Raise overall awareness of the issues of health disparities experienced by people with intellectual disabilities.
3. Inspire, motivate and recognize stakeholders, while engaging the broader health-focused Special Olympics audience to seek to replicate areas of success and key initiatives and partnerships.
4. Honor individuals and organizations committed to equitable health services for people with intellectual disabilities.

2018 Local Awards

- Only Special Olympics Programs that are current or past recipients of a 3-year Healthy Community grants may present a Golisano Health Leadership Award. Current grantees must present an award. There is an additional \$2000 in the 2018 3-Year Healthy Community Grant budget for this award.
- Programs may present up to 3 individuals/organizations with the award.
- Honoree should be selected by a committee that includes staff, athlete leaders, and Healthy Athletes® Clinical Directors.
- Honorees must be chosen for their work in at least one of these four areas: 1) Expanding Healthy Athletes, 2) Impacting follow-up care and/or wellness programming, 3) Increasing financial sustainability of the health program, and 4) Advancing the health rights of people with intellectual disabilities. *Please note, nominees cannot be paid staff of Special Olympics.*
- Awards must be presented at a high profile event (such as an Opening Ceremony for a major Games or an event where other annual awards are presented) and the event must happen between 1 January 2018 – 31 July 2018. The additional \$2000 is to be used for this event and generating awareness and media around the award and awardees.
- Award plaques can be ordered through SOI by emailing the name of the individual(s)/organization(s) and the date of the award ceremony to healthawards@specialolympics.org. SOI will cover the cost of up to 3 award plaques and shipping.
- Current Healthy Communities grantees will receive \$2,000 extra in their 2018-2019 HC grant for the award ceremony.
- Media attention for the honoree(s) and award event is highly desirable.

2019 Global Awards

After 31 July 2018, when Programs have shared their local honorees, a cross-departmental team that includes at least one athlete leader as well as representatives from the Golisano Foundation will select the Golisano Global Health Leadership Award honorees based on the nomination forms shared by participating Programs. Upon selection, the Regional President for each Region will be asked to notify the Program and selected honoree. The up to seven global award recipients will be invited to World Games with travel expenses covered.

- Each Program that presented a local award may nominate one individual/organization for the global award.
- Nominations are due to SOI by **1 August 2018**, should be emailed to healthawards@specialolympics.org and must include: 1.) a completed [nomination form](#), 2.) a bio and headshot of the honoree or a logo and short write up on the organization nominated, and 3.) confirmation that the nominee has received a local award. *Please note, nominees cannot be paid staff of Special Olympics.*
- Up to seven honorees (one per SO region) will be selected for the Global Golisano Health Leadership Award.
- Global honorees will be selected by a committee that includes: cross-departmental staff from SOI, athlete leaders, a representative from the Golisano Foundation, and Global Clinical Advisors. The committee will use the same criteria listed above and may also request additional information about the honoree.
- Global honorees will be internally announced by 15 September 2018.
- Global honorees will be Honored Guests at the 2019 Special Olympics World Games. All travel expenses will be paid for by SOI.
- A short documentary film about each global honoree will be made. Programs are expected to work with SOI to coordinate these efforts.

Timeline:

- 1 January 2018 – 31 July 2018 – Programs present up to 3 local awards
- 1 August 2018 – Programs submit nomination for the Global Golisano Health Leadership Award to healthawards@specialolympics.org
- By 15 September 2018 – Special Olympics International internally announces up to seven honorees to attend World Games
- September 2018 – March 2019 – SOI and local Programs work together to provide Honored Guest management and to coordinate the film making.
- March 2019 – Golisano Health Leadership Award Celebration, Abu Dhabi