



Special Olympics Gaston County
Presents the
Jonathan Henley Athlete of the Year Award



Jonathan was an incredibly gifted, motivated, and dedicated athlete. He enjoyed playing a variety of sports with Special Olympics for over 30 years. We would like to commemorate all that he did and all that he stood for as an athlete, teammate, and community leader by offering the Jonathan Henley Athlete of the Year Award presented to one deserving athlete each year participating with Special Olympics Gaston County.

Timeline:

Nominations Open: August 1, 2022

Nominations Close: September 20, 2022

Announcement Made: October 30, 2022 1:30pm at Liberty Lanes
(Gastonia)

Athlete Nominations:

If you would like to nominate an athlete for this prestigious award, please complete the following form in full and return to local coordinator Ashley Anderson no later than September 20, 2022. If an athlete would prefer to do a video interview rather than a paper form, please contact us at gaston@sonc.net and this can be arranged.

Local committee members, community members, including parents and stakeholders in the community, will be invited in to decide on the winner of the award based on a majority vote after all nominations are received.

The winning athlete will be recognized in front of his/her peers at our local bowling league competition on Sunday, October 30, 2022. The winner will receive a plaque, a banner, and be asked to say a few words about what the award means to him/her.

Please return nominations to gaston@sonc.net no later than September 20th.

Athletes will be considered based on the following criteria:

- Commitment/Involvement in Special Olympics sports and activities
- Qualities of teamwork and sportsmanship
- Leadership (on and off the field/court)
- Initiative (on and off the field/court)
- Community Involvement

Jonathan Henley Athlete of the Year Award Nomination Form

2022

Athlete Name: _____

Athlete Age (as of 10/30/22): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact (if applicable): Same As Above YES NO

Special Olympics Sports you have been involved in (list all):

How long have you been involved in Special Olympics? _____

What role have you played in your sports (i.e.: team captain?):

What is your favorite thing about Special Olympics?

What do you do to encourage your teammates or other athletes?

What have you learned by being involved in Special Olympics?

Do you participate in other activities with Special Olympics? (example: socials, dances, etc.):

What do you do outside of playing sports? (example: work, volunteer, time with friends)

How are you a leader in your community?

How do you help others around you?

Why do you deserve the Jonathan Henley Athlete of the Year Award?
