

# Des Moines Register Elite Athletes Sports Awards

Nominations Due Date: April 30, 2019

The Des Moines Register Sports Awards recognizes and honors top athletes from across the state of Iowa in 21 sports categories. This event is hosted by the Des Moines Register and will take place June 21, 2019 at Wells Fargo Arena in downtown Des Moines. The show features various awards, contests and a special appearance from a celebrity guest. The red carpet will open at 6 p.m. and the awards show begins promptly at 7 p.m.

Special Olympics Iowa athletes have the opportunity to be nominated in one of three categories – SOIA Female Athlete of the Year, SOIA Male Athlete of the Year, and SOIA Unified Team of the Year. To be considered for these awards, athletes must be high school-aged (14-22), be heavily involved in SOIA events, and be a representation of SOIA in their community. The event is in Des Moines, so we ask that when you're considering athletes to nominate that they be able and willing to travel to Des Moines for the award ceremony, understanding this will be at their own cost.

There will be three nominees in each of the SOIA categories. SOIA staff will choose one winner in each category who will receive a trophy and a chance to meet the celebrity guest at the Sports Awards. Please contact Karen Whitman at [kwhitman@soiowa.org](mailto:kwhitman@soiowa.org) or (515) 986-5520 with any questions.

## Nomination Information:

Nominator Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Delegation: \_\_\_\_\_

Award Category (from above list): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Sports nominee is involved in: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for nomination:

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Please submit one headshot of nominee with completed nomination form by April 30, 2019 to Karen Whitman at [kwhitman@soiowa.org](mailto:kwhitman@soiowa.org). Headshot will be used for media surrounding awards and event program.