

NIGHT OF SUPERSTARS

Nomination Guidelines

OVERVIEW: Night of Superstars honors special needs students and young adults for unbelievable accomplishments that defy their challenges! Below are the guidelines for nominations. Once we receive all the necessary information, we will submit the nomination to our selection committee.

Please note that we select 5 Superstars per city. We receive many nominations per event, therefore it is important that all the requested information is submitted in order to be considered.

IMPORTANT: Night of Superstars is a HIGHLY SOCIAL event with hundreds of guests, flashing lights, cameras, interviews, music and lots of activity. In very special consideration, we do not recommend nominating those who are sensitive to light, loud noise and social surroundings. This event can cause severe stress on kids with certain types of conditions, which in turn can cause undue stress on their parents and our other participants.

TIPS:

1. Although it is very important to include the nominee's condition and greatest challenges, it is mostly important to include all the accomplishments that defy the nominee's challenges. Night of Superstars honors the accomplishments of our Superstars despite their challenges, not the challenges themselves!
2. The sooner you submit the nomination information, the better chance the nominee has to be accepted. Once our selection committee has chosen our 5 Superstars, all other nominations will be filed for the following year. Our selection committee will either hold a nomination for further consideration or may select a Superstar immediately upon reviewing his/her nomination information.

GUIDELINES: All nominees must meet the following criteria.

1. Between the ages of 12 – 20
2. Have a life-altering condition (physically or intellectually)
3. **Currently** excel or "shine" in one or more of the following areas:
 - a. Academics (3.0 GPA or better)
 - b. Athletics/Extracurricular Activities – NOTE: Special Olympics, Miracle League, Invictus Games, Cheerleading, etc. do qualify
 - c. The Arts – Dance, art, music, etc.
 - d. Community Service/Volunteering/Fundraising – Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Church groups & missions, other nonprofit involvement

4. Must not have already been inducted into Night of Superstars

Please feel free to contact us for any questions regarding the above qualifications

INSTRUCTIONS: All information must be submitted in order to be considered

1. Complete Nomination Form (including a signature from the parent or guardian)
2. **Bio – No more than half a page length and minimum of 12 pt. font size. Again, please describe the nominee’s condition, challenges and achievements (especially those which defy their challenges). Must be submitted in a Word document so we can easily edit for our event program.**
3. Ten (10) pictures of nominee submitted with nomination (including one headshot) of Superstar doing their favorite activities that make them a Superstar – Pictures must be of higher resolution (minimum of 200 kb in size)
4. (Optional) – Video(s) of Superstar doing what they do best!