



SASKATCHEWAN ARTISTIC SWIMMING VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS FOR 2023-2024

Nominations for *Volunteer Service Awards, Volunteer of the Year Award, Lifetime Member Award, Club Volunteer of the Year and Official of the Year* are now being requested.

All nominations submitted will be checked for eligibility to other categories and awards, such as Sask Sport and Canada Artistic Swimming. The recipients of the Volunteer Recognition Awards will be decided upon by the SAS Nominations & Recognition Committee.

The criteria for Volunteer Recognition Awards are:

1. The nominee must have been involved with Saskatchewan Artistic Swimming in the capacity of a Provincial Volunteer, Official or Administrator in the past year.
2. The nominee must have been involved in at least one of the following areas in the past year:
 - a) as a Volunteer on a Sask Artistic Swimming Committee;
 - b) as a member of a host committee involved in the hosting of one or more provincial or national meets hosted within the province (ie meet manager, hospitality, merchandising, music, volunteer, etc.);
 - c) initiating and executing new ideas to improve synchronized swimming in Saskatchewan;
 - d) encouraging active participation in Artistic Swimming;
 - e) increasing public awareness of Artistic Swimming;
 - f) assisting in the development of Artistic Swimming as a sport in Saskatchewan.

Information on each “**Volunteer Awards**” is as follows:

- **SERVICE AWARD:** to special Volunteer Members who have shown **3-5 years of consecutive service** to Artistic Swimming at the Club, Provincial or National level.
- **HONOUR SERVICE AWARD:** to special Volunteer Members who have shown **8-10 years of consecutive service** to Artistic Swimming at the Club, Provincial or National level.
- **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD:** to a “**Unique Volunteer**” who has demonstrated a special commitment to Artistic Swimming Saskatchewan within the past year.
- **LIFETIME MEMBER AWARD:** this award is given in recognition of **over 20 years as a volunteer at the Provincial and/or National level** and includes a Lifetime

Membership with Sask Artistic Swimming. Other lifetime members are those who donate to the Saskatchewan Artistic Swimming "Planned Giving" program.

- **CLUB VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD:** the above volunteer awards currently all require involvement with SAS. There are some amazing people working at the club level that also deserve to be recognized. This will also bring awareness to what that volunteer is doing within their club.

Description: An outstanding contribution by a club member who has demonstrated a special commitment to their club within the past year or a number of years. Nominee must be an active member of SAS.

- **OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARD** - outstanding contribution by an official who has demonstrated a special commitment to Saskatchewan Artistic Swimming within the past year or over a number of years.

Description: Given an ever-changing sport, there is a considerable amount of continual development that occurs for officials. Unlike our other volunteers, our group of officials contains individuals that often don't have current ties to the sport. Many officials have past ties to our sport, but many don't have children actively participating nor are they involved as coaches. This specific award for officials helps to acknowledge these achievements and contributions.

- Nominations should come from the group of Officials (as opposed to coaches, athletes, parents, etc.) to avoid perceived conflict of interest.
- With the creation of this award, officials are not eligible to receive the Volunteer of the Year Award