CAPT. RANSOM J. ARTHUR M.D. AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Capt. Ransom J. Arthur M.D. Award is U.S. Masters Swimming’s most prestigious award. It is presented annually to the USMS volunteer who has done the most to further the objectives of Masters swimming programs, generally over an extended period of time. We would like to honor someone who has served USMS in multiple ways, and inspires others to meet the goals and objectives of Masters Swimming.

USMS GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

A. To encourage and promote improved physical fitness and health in adults.
B. To offer adults the opportunity to participate in a lifelong fitness and/or competitive swimming program.
C. To encourage organizations and communities to establish and sponsor Masters swimming programs.
D. To enhance fellowship and camaraderie among Masters swimmers.
E. To stimulate research in the sociology, psychology, and physiology of Masters swimming.

Any member of USMS may nominate a member for this award. The nomination MUST be endorsed by an LMSC and include the chair’s signature (or another officer if the chair is being nominated).

The official two-page nomination form (8 ½” x 11”) is available on the USMS web site at http://www.usms.org/admin/awards/ or from the Award Coordinator at the email address below. All nominations are limited to this form and MUST follow the exact format and order of information as shown. Please do not extend the form in order to write explanations, as this can be done in the letter of endorsement. Forms using a different format will be returned. Be brief, and provide only what is asked for in the nomination form.

A one-page letter of endorsement with additional information should be submitted as well. Any additional material submitted will not be considered. The endorsement letter allows you to provide details about the candidate, while staying within the one-page limit, to better indicate why the nominee is worthy of such an award.

The nomination deadline is March 15th. All completed nomination forms and letters of endorsement must be in the hands of the RJA Award Coordinator on or before March 15. They will then be circulated to Recognition & Awards Committee members and previous Ransom J. Arthur award winners for consideration and final selection. An award announcement will take place during the USMS Spring Nationals, followed by a more formal presentation at the USMS Convention banquet in September.

Please submit all forms and letters electronically!
Send your nomination by March 15 to: awards@usms.org
Direct your questions to the same email address.

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