



## 2016 EXCEPTIONAL STAR OF THE YEAR AWARD

The John Lynch Foundation Exceptional Star of the Year Award, presented by the Anna and John J. Sie Foundation and the John Lynch Foundation, is given out to four **exceptional** Colorado student-athletes, ages 12 to 28, based on their participation in athletics, academics and in community involvement. \*Finalists will be invited to attend John Lynch Salute the Stars awards luncheon at Sports Authority Field where the awards will be presented.

**FOUR WINNERS WILL BE CHOSEN AND EACH WILL RECEIVE A \$5,000 AWARD**

### Criteria:

- **TWO awards are designed for exceptional student-athletes with Down syndrome**
- **TWO awards are designed for an exceptional student-athlete with other disabilities**
- Based on the individual applicant's ability, the students must show proven success in academics, interest and extraordinary effort in athletics, and a desire to be involved in their community.
- Applicants must be between 12 - 28 years old
- Funds may be used towards a college education, post secondary education program, vocational program, therapeutic training, or any other program that will assist the winner in achieving their dreams. The scholarship selection committee must approve the program to which the recipient chooses to apply the funds.

### Instructions:

- Citing specific examples please fill out the information on the following page. Include information regarding the applicant's academic, athletic and community involvement, and any associated material that might be available. Please include brief information on the applicant's cognitive or physical disability.
- Please submit 2 letters of recommendation (from a teacher, coach, program coordinator, trainer, etc...)
- Please submit the following essay in one page or less: *"Please explain what obstacles you have had to overcome as a student-athlete; how participation in school, sports and community has molded you as a person; and how you will use your scholarship."*
- Please email the information below in a word document along with the letters of recommendation and essay as email attachments to [maggie@johnlynchfoundation.org](mailto:maggie@johnlynchfoundation.org). Please include "Exceptional Star of the Year" in the subject line. Or you may fax everything to the John Lynch Foundation at 813-831-4441.

**APPLICATION DUE DATE: MARCH 24, 2016**

**QUESTIONS? CALL 1.866.JLF.4747**

**FAX 813.831.4441**

**[MAGGIE@JOHNLYNCHFOUNDATION.ORG](mailto:maggie@johnlynchfoundation.org)**



**EXCEPTIONAL STAR OF THE YEAR APPLICATION**

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check:  POST-SECONDARY     HIGH SCHOOL     OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_

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

Email (Parent / Guardian or Student): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_ Please Check:  MALE     FEMALE

Person nominating student-athlete: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe the applicant's disability: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Academic Achievements:**

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**2. Athletic Achievements:**

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**3. Community Involvement:**

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Please email or fax completed nomination form along with attachments to:  
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