



JIM HALLIHAN LEGACY AWARD – SELECTION CRITERIA

The Jim Hallihan Legacy Award is the highest award of the National Congress of State Games that recognizes individuals who have dedicated their career to the development and betterment of the State Games movement across the United States.

NOMINEE REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 10 years involvement as a member of the NCSG
- Nominees must be one of the following:
 - A current or former member of the National of Congress of State Games
 - A current or former supporter of the NCSG (Sponsor, NGB/Sport Organization, etc.)
- For 2026, one recipient may be selected from the pool of submitted candidates.
- Nominations may be made by any current or past National Congress of State Games member. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

SELECTION CRITERIA & EXAMPLES

When preparing the bio for each nominee, examples that demonstrate positive outcomes in the following areas should be included:

- LEADERSHIP - Examples include: serving as a State Games president or executive director, NCSG board member/officer, etc.
- SERVICE - Examples include: serving on NCSG Committees, representing NCSG at conferences & events, hosting the State Games of America, etc.
- AWARDS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS - At state, regional, and national level.
- COLLABORATION - How has individual supported and influenced NCSG or members by sharing programs and ideas and/or mentoring other NCSG programs.
- AMBASSADORSHIP - How has individual taken initiative to promote and increase awareness of the State Games movement and develop new opportunities with organizations or individuals that could benefit the NCSG and its members.
- CHARACTER - How has individual exhibited outstanding character, sportsmanship, selflessly supported NCSG, and served as a role model for others in NCSG to follow.

2026 NOMINATION PROCESS & TIMELINE

- **March 1:** Nomination applications must be submitted.
- **Mid-Late March:** NCSG Board Committee reviews and selects recipient
- **Late March:** Jim Hallihan Legacy Award recipients are announced.
- **October 28** Recipient receives award at TEAMS Conference in Birmingham, AL.



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JIM HALLIHAN LEGACY AWARD APPLICATION

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Nominee Information
 - Name
 - Email Address
 - Cell Phone Number
 - State Games Organization/Affiliate Organization
 - Years of Involvement
 - Role
- Nominator Information
 - Name
 - Email Address
 - Cell Phone Number
 - State Games Organization/Affiliate Organization
- A biography on the nominated candidate, limited to one page, that addresses the candidates accomplishments and achievements in the following areas:
 - Leadership
 - Service
 - Accomplishments
 - Collaboration
 - Ambassadorship
 - Character
- One letter of support from someone outside the organization that submitted the nomination

Please submit questions and final applications to Kevin Cummings
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