

Operation Snowball Recognition Awards

In an effort to recognize all of the hard work and dedication that is happening in the local chapters and communities with the Operation Snowball program, Operation Snowball, Inc. and the Board of Directors is accepting nominations for awards. This award program recognizes an outstanding youth and adult leader in Snowball and Snowflake chapters, outstanding young adult, outstanding Snowball and Snowflake chapters, outstanding support from a community organization/ business, outstanding support from a school and outstanding Board of Directors member.

Below is a list of criteria for each award.

Outstanding youth leader

A youth currently involved in an Operation Snowball or Snowflake chapter who walks the walk and lives the drug and alcohol free lifestyle that Operation Snowball represents. Youth leader nominees should be a role model for other students in the school and community. Youth leader nominees should also demonstrate outstanding leadership in Snowball, as well rounded involvement in school and local community projects, and other prevention and extra curricular activities. Student should be a high school student of any grade during the school year. Nominee should also be a member of a Snowball or Snowflake chapter in good standing.

Outstanding adult leader

An adult currently involved in either a Snowball or Snowflake chapter. Adult leader nominees should demonstrate a practice what they preach philosophy about a drug and alcohol-free lifestyle. Adult leader nominees should display an understanding of the youth and adult partnership that is the cornerstone of Operation Snowball and its programs by working to empower youth to take charge of local chapter activities and events. Nominees should have been involved in a chapter of good standing during the school year.

Outstanding young adult

A person who has graduated from high school but displays a strong commitment to continued involvement in local Operation Snowball programs, either in their home community or in the community where they attend school. Nominees should display a strong commitment to a drug and alcohol-free lifestyle by continuing to walk the walk in the sometimes challenging environment of college or local employment. Nominees should have been involved in a chapter of good standing during the school year.

Outstanding Snowball Chapter

An outstanding Chapter nominee is one that provides a continuing support network for its members all year round by hosting events and activities throughout the school year, for example, Red Ribbon Week, Alcohol Awareness Month, 3-D Month, Prom activities, monthly or bi-monthly meetings, summer activities, holiday parties, etc. An outstanding chapter supports a drug and alcohol-free lifestyle by asking all those members, youth and adult, to sign a drug and alcohol-free pledge. Outstanding chapters spread the drug and alcohol prevention message by being involved in community activities. Chapters nominated should follow the required guidelines of OS, Inc.: OS logos on **all** printed material, merchandising and web sites and 10% of all scheduled activities are drug and alcohol use prevention focused. Nominated chapters are in good standing with OS, Inc. for the school year. Special consideration will be given chapters that use follow-up activities and evaluation to keep the Ball rolling all year.

Outstanding chapter nomination packets should include photos, event schedules, calendar of activities scheduled throughout the year, copies of mailings, web site information, supporting documentation from school and community people and any evaluations and results.

Outstanding support from local community organization or business

This award recognizes local area organizations or businesses whom have showed great support for Snowball or Snowflake chapters in their area. These business or organizations showed their support through donating goods or services to local Snow chapters.

Outstanding support from a school

This award recognizes a school or school administrator or staff who is not directly involved in the chapter but has provided support through the use of the building or facilities, or assistance with anything that positively impacts the Snow community. Nomination should include specific examples.

Outstanding OS Board of Directors Member

This award, nominated by chapters, recognizes an OS Board member who has dedicated time and effort in assisting chapters in their region through training and technical assistance, information sharing and support.

**a chapter in good standing is one that is fully current on their OS accreditation

Operation Snowball Recognition Awards Nomination

Today's date: _____

I, _____ of _____ chapter
nominate _____ for outstanding

- youth leader (please describe why this person is an outstanding youth leader)
- adult leader (please describe why this person is an outstanding adult leader)
- young adult (please describe why this person is an outstanding young adult)
- Snowball/Snowflake Chapter (please include photos, event schedules, calendar of activities, copies of mailings, web site information, supporting documentation from school and community people and any evaluations and results)
- support from local community organization or business (please describe why this organization/business is an outstanding group)
- support from a school (please describe why this school is an outstanding school)
- OS Board of Directors member (please describe why this person is an outstanding board member)

Attached is a list of criteria for each award. Please word process on a separate sheet a description/reason (including the nominee's name and award nominated for) of why you have nominated the above. Please send completed nomination to OS, Inc., 937 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62704 no later than October 1 of each year.

All photos, video cassettes and tapes will be returned to the nominator.

Signed _____ Date _____