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**2009 WESTMORELAND COUNTY  
SPECIAL NEEDS SPORTSWOMAN AWARD**  
Sponsored by the YWCA of Westmoreland County  
**NOMINATION FORM**



The Special Needs Sportswoman of the Year Award will be presented to a Westmoreland County female with an impaired mental/physical development who demonstrates athletic achievement, community involvement and leadership qualities.

**PLEASE REFER TO ALL INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM,  
BEFORE COMPLETING THIS NOMINATION.**

Athlete's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

↪ **ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2008.** ↩

Sport: \_\_\_\_\_ Specialty and/or Team Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Establishment, Field, Arena, Place of Play and/or Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Accomplishments/Awards: \_\_\_\_\_

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Extra-Curricular/Community Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Athlete: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Person Submitting Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Athlete (OPTIONAL): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send completed application to:**

**Westmoreland Sportswomen of the Year Awards Program  
YWCA of Westmoreland County, 424 N. Main Street, Greensburg PA, 15601  
Phone: 724 834-9390 / E-Mail: [Info@ywcawestmoreland.org](mailto:Info@ywcawestmoreland.org)  
Visit Us On the Web: [www.ywcawestmoreland.org](http://www.ywcawestmoreland.org)**

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NOMINATION GUIDELINES

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**WHO IS ADMINISTERING THE SPECIAL NEEDS SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD?**

The YWCA of Westmoreland County is administering the Sportswomen of the Year Award program, in conjunction with the Women's Sport's Foundation who designed and developed this program to promote and enhance sports and fitness opportunities for all girls and women.

**THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE SPORTS WOMEN OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE:**

*The YWCA Sportswomen of the Year Award Committee recognizes female athletes based on their athletic achievements. However, the committee encourages well-rounded sportswomen and will consider community involvement, extracurricular activities, and excellence in academics in addition to athletic achievement in the event that our nominees' achievements are equal.*

**DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM:**

- ▶ Furnish ALL information requested. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.
- ▶ Enclose Letter of Recommendation from athlete's coach.
- ▶ Include up to THREE (3) pages of additional relevant information (i.e., biographical, newspaper clippings, season schedule, records). Do not send more than the suggested additional documentation. **It will NOT be considered.**
- ▶ **Enclose a current photograph suitable for display.**
- ▶ **Please be sure to only include athletic participation/accomplishments for Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2008.**

**PLEASE NOTE: ONLY THE FIRST NOMINATION PER ATHLETE RECEIVED WILL BE CONSIDERED.**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 9, 2009**  
**WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED: BY FEBRUARY 27, 2009**  
**LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

**WHAT ARE THE JUDGING CRITERIA?**

- ▶ Women and Girls of any age are eligible.
- ▶ Athletic participation and/or accomplishments as a mentally/physically challenged athlete.
- ▶ Involvement in non-athletic, extra-curricular activities including: school, religious, and community affiliations.
- ▶ Ability to overcome adversity with spirit consistent with the ethical conduct in sports.
- ▶ As a result of her leadership and achievements in sports, she serves as a positive role model for all.
- ▶ Must reside or attend school in Westmoreland County
- ▶ Nominees are judged **FOREMOST** on athletic accomplishment. Extra-curricular activities, community service and scholarship will also be considered.
- ▶ **AN INDIVIDUAL CAN ONLY WIN ONCE PER CATEGORY (I.E. SPORTS GIRLS, SPORTS TEEN, ETC.)**

**WHO WILL JUDGE THE APPLICATIONS?**

The Westmoreland Sportswomen of the Year Awards Selection Committee consists of a cross-section of community members representing the educational, business, civic and media sectors.

**WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I HAVE A QUESTION?**

The YWCA of Westmoreland County (Phone: 724 834-9390 / Email: [Info@ywcawestmoreland.org](mailto:Info@ywcawestmoreland.org))

**THE YWCA SPORTSWOMEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO  
LIMIT THE NUMBER OF AWARDS PRESENTED, IN THE EVENT THAT INSUFFICIENT NOMINATIONS ARE RECEIVED.**

**ALL NOMINATION FORMS AND SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION SUBMITTED BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE YWCA.**