**U.S. Masters Swimming Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Award**

**Presented by the USMS Diversity and Inclusion Committee**

**Submission deadline: July 1**

The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Award is presented annually. USMS-registered athletes, coaches, volunteers, and clubs who show a public commitment to diversity, equity, equality, and inclusion across race, gender, age religion, identity, and ability at the club, LMSC/Zone or national level are eligible for this award. The award recognizes individuals or clubs that create a diverse and inclusive environment in USMS, thereby making everyone feel empowered to bring their full, authentic, unique selves to the sport.

**Diversity & Inclusion Committee’s Goals and Objectives**

The USMS Diversity and Inclusion Committee works to create a culture of inclusion and opportunity within USMS for people of diverse backgrounds by developing resources and engaging coaches, LMSCs, and volunteers.

**Nominee Information Nominator Information**

**Name Name**

**Address Address**

**Phone Phone**

**Email Email**

**Club & LMSC Club & LMSC**

**Instructions**

Volunteer contributions come in many shapes and forms. Your nomination should list specific and substantial distinguished accomplishments the nominee has made in addressing and raising awareness about issues of equity, equality, diversity and inclusion across Masters Swimming at a National, LMSC, or local level that meet any of the Diversity and Inclusion’s Committee’s objectives listed above; and the impact those contributions have made.

Nomination applications are encouraged to be as specific as possible in describing, showing and illustrating the merits of the nominee.

The accomplishments should also include the following information:

• Type of service/action, length of time, and where service/action was performed.

• How the nominee’s service contributed to or fostered a climate of inclusion, diversity, equity, and/or equality.

In addition to a testimonial from the nominator, the submission form should attach detailed testimonials from no more than four individuals. These people could be fellow USMS members, community members, and/or coworkers outside of the USMS organization.

Completed nomination forms and letters must be received on or before **July 1**. Send completed nominations to: diversity@usmastersswimming.org. The recipients will be announced, and the award presented, during the USMS Annual Meeting. A photo of the nominee would also be appreciated. Direct your questions to the Diversity & Inclusion Committee Chair at the above email address.

**List AND Describe the Impact of Nominee’s Significant Contributions (Use as much space as needed)**