



## Capt. Ransom J. Arthur M.D. Award

### Deadline: July 1

The Capt. Ransom J. Arthur M.D. Award is U.S. Masters Swimming's most prestigious award. It is presented annually to the USMS volunteer who is recognized to have done the most to further the objectives of Masters Swimming programs over an extended period.

Our passion is swimming and we know it changes lives. These are the principles that help guide our passion.

<b><u>Mission</u></b>	<b><u>Vision</u></b>	<b><u>Values</u></b>
Empower adults to improve their lives through swimming.	Foster a nationwide adult swimming community through lifelong fitness, competition, and education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fitness</li><li>• Camaraderie</li><li>• Inclusion</li><li>• Learning</li><li>• Excellence</li><li>• Competition</li><li>• Fairness</li></ul>

### Nominee Instructions

The official RJA Nomination Form is available on the [USMS website](#). Complete the digital form following the exact format and order of information as shown. Please do not extend the form to write lengthy explanations. Be brief and provide only what is asked for in the nomination form. Forms using a different format will be returned.

In addition to the nomination form, submit a **one-page** Letter of Endorsement, detailing the positive impact of the nominee's contributions to USMS. Provide verifiable examples of what the nominee did that was meritorious, and/or explain how the nominee went above and beyond the scope or significance of expected contributions. How did the contributions help to fulfill or further the objectives and/or mission of USMS at the national, zone and/or LMSC level? The significance of the nominee's contributions are the factors that usually distinguish one candidate from the others.

**The nomination deadline is July 1.** The completed Nomination Form and Letter of Endorsement must be in the hands of the RJA Award Coordinator on or before July 1. They will then be circulated to Recognition & Awards Committee members and previous Ransom J. Arthur Award winners for consideration and final selection. The award will be presented at a venue in the recipient's LMSC shortly after the decision is made. A formal "pinning" with the official RJA lapel pin and a formal presentation of the award shall take place at the USMS Annual Meeting.

Please submit the forms and letter electronically.

Send your nomination by **July 1** to: [awards@usmastersswimming.org](mailto:awards@usmastersswimming.org).