



**NORTHERN**

**2017  
AWARDS  
DIRECTORY**

Each year, USTA Northern honors individuals and organizations that have demonstrated outstanding commitment to the growth and development of tennis with various sectional awards. This directory has been developed to serve as a guide to understanding the criteria and nominating procedure for these prestigious awards. To obtain additional copies, please call the USTA Northern office at 952-887-5001. All information provided in this directory is also available at [www.northern.usta.com](http://www.northern.usta.com).

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Member	Eric Weisser
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**Timeline:**

- July:** Section sends awards directory to organizational members
- September 15:** Deadline for nominations to be received by Section office
- September/October:** Sectional Awards Committee meets to determine recipients
- TBA:** Awards Presentations - TBA

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

**How do I nominate someone for a sectional award?** Anyone is invited to submit nominations for sectional awards. To do so, fill out a nomination form and submit to USTA Northern no later than September 15. You can submit a paper nomination or visit <https://form.jotformpro.com/71384509970969> to nominate someone online.

**What qualifies someone to receive a sectional award?** Consult the specific eligibility requirements and criteria listed for each award.

**Can I nominate someone for multiple awards in the same year?** Yes. You may nominate the same individual/organization for as many awards as you see fit. On the nomination form, simply make sure to describe how your nominee meets the criteria listed for each of the awards you nominate them for.

**Can I nominate myself for an award?** Yes. To be considered for an award, we simply need the biographical information regarding a specific individual,

facility, or group. This information can come from a relative, close friend, coach, client, or even the candidates themselves.

**Can a person/organization receive the same award multiple times?** Yes. There is no limit to the number of times that a person/organization can receive the same award.

**Who chooses the Section's award recipients?** Unless otherwise noted, award winners are selected by the Sectional Awards Committee.

**How will I know if my nominee is selected to receive an award?** Award recipients will be notified in October.

**Where/when are sectional awards presented?** Awards presentations and locations will be announced at a later date. Each award recipient will also be listed in the various USTA Northern publications, including the Yearbook and *Northern Exposure* Magazine.

# USTA Northern Section Award Nomination Form

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ USTA Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to nominate the above listed person(s)/organization for the following award(s). Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Sportsmanship Award  | <input type="checkbox"/> Media Excellence Award          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family of the Year         | <input type="checkbox"/> Member Organization of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pro of the Year            | <input type="checkbox"/> Grassroots Officials Award      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Development Award    | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Development Award        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Sportsmanship Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service Award         |

## Biographical Information for Nominee:

1. How does the nominee meet the specific criteria listed for the award? (Award criteria is available at [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com) and in the USTA Northern Awards Directory)

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2. Please describe the nominee's involvement within USTA Northern. Include dates and significant achievements.

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3. List any previous awards received by the nominee. Include date received.

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4. Why do you feel this individual/organization is most deserving of a USTA Northern Award?

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5. Please include any additional information you feel the committee needs to know.

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**Please use additional paper as necessary and attach any supporting documents such as newspaper clippings or photos.**

Thank you for your time in completing this nomination form!

**Please fax, email or mail your nomination to:**

USTA Northern Awards Committee  
c/o Lisa Mushett  
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Bloomington, MN 55431

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**You also may nominate someone online at**

<https://form.jotformpro.com/71384509970969>.

**All nominations must be received no later than September 15, 2017.**

**For administrative use only:**

Date of submission: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Staff Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# Sectional Awards:

## Albert Teeter Adult Sportsmanship Award

**Description:** This award is presented to the adult player who displays fairness, is generous, a good loser, and a gracious winner.

**History:** This award was named in honor of Albert Teeter, who himself was a model of good sportsmanship while playing the game. Teeter was also a huge booster to tennis in Northern Section, was at every tennis event, and responsible for bringing world-class tennis to the area through the Minnekahda Tournament. Past recipients include:

1963 - Bruce Bean  
1964 - Tom VonKuster  
1965 - Greg Olson  
1966 - No winner  
1967 - Robb Jones  
1968 - Robert Daugherty  
1969 - Howard Schoenfield  
1970 - Connie Custudio  
1971 - Ernie Greene  
1972 - Grant Helgeson  
1973 - Meg Horan  
1974 - Michael Hoeger  
1975 - No Winner  
1976 - Katie Adams  
1977 - Ken Boyum  
1978 - David Nash  
1979 - Jenelle Johnson  
1980 - No winner  
1981 - Michael Hoeger  
1982 - Liz Purcell  
1983 - Fred King  
1984 - Ron York  
1985 - Mary Jo Forcier  
1986 - Tom Fridinger  
1987 - Cammy Johnson  
1988 - Steve Paulson  
1989 - Boy Toy  
1990 - Cindy Idelkope  
1991 - Jerry Burkett  
1992 - Jerry Pope  
1993 - Susie Neet  
1994 - Dave Aasen  
1995 - Ron Filstrup  
1996 - Joan Baker  
1997 - Barb Farr  
1998 - Darcy Hanson  
1999 - Gary Fuerstenberg  
2000 - Chris Combs  
2001 - Chris Dummermuth, Dan Drury  
2001 - Bryce Barnard, Mary Cornell  
2001 - John Arp, Violet Shortly  
2004 - Doug Johnson  
2005 - Cammie Wadman-Day  
2006 - Pam Sommer

2007 - Kevin Whipple  
2008 - Dale Collette  
2009 - Patty Rhodus  
2010 - Doug Matuska  
2011 - Joe Kasel  
2012 - Betty McNeil  
2013 - Aaron Rosenbery  
2014 - Barb Livick  
2015 - Christine Bushaw  
2016 - Jake Seltz

**Eligibility:** Adult USTA membership

**Criteria:** Among those items to be considered:

1. involvement in competitive tennis (USTA League Tennis and/or Tournaments)
2. encourages and supports fellow players
3. respects other players, coaches, captains, coordinators, tournament directors and officials
4. exhibits a positive attitude on and off the court

## Family of the Year

**Description:** Presented to a family that has been outstanding in promoting tennis both on and off the court. The winner of this award is considered for the corresponding national award.

**History:** Past Recipients include:

- 1976 - Michael Rost Family
- 1977 – No winner
- 1978 – No winner
- 1979 – No winner
- 1980 – No winner
- 1981 – No winner
- 1982 – No winner
- 1983 - Martin Family
- 1984 - Palattao Family
- 1985 - Tom Moe Family
- 1986 - Ron McGraw Family
- 1987 - Gavin Family
- 1988 - Bruestle Family
- 1989 - Mike Anderson Family
- 1990 - Erskine Family
- 1991 - Hatch Family
- 1992 - Larson Family, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 1993 – Wilkinson Family, St. Peter, Minn.
- 1994 – Noyce Family, Edina, Minn.
- 1995 – Riley Family, Edina, Minn.
- 1996 – Gregor Family, Wayzata, Minn.
- 1997 - Donley Family, Duluth, Minn.
- 1998 - Champlin Family, Wayzata, Minn.
- 1999 - Hagen Family, Wells, Minn. (Dallas, Pepper, Brooke, Lindsay)
- 2000 - O'Donnell Family
- 2001 – No winner
- 2002 - Hickman Family, Shoreview Minn. (Roger, Connie, Joel, Kathryn, Suzie)
- 2003 - Lecy Family, Rapid City, S.D.
- 2004 - McCarthy Family, Sioux Falls, S.D. (Tim, Donna, Erin, Megan)
- 2005 - Anderson Family, West Fargo, N.D. (Chad, Diana, Jordan, Elizabeth)
- 2006 - Christensen Family, Owatonna, Minn. (Perry, Ann, Brad, Beth, Matt)
- 2007 - Walz Family, Aitkin, Minn. (Joe, Cindy, Carl, Emily, Kevin, Heidi)
- 2008 – Scannell Family, Grand Marais, Minn. (Tim, Lynn, Kieran, Lars)
- 2009 - Hatlen Family, Rosemount, Minn. (Mike, Lynette, Stuart, Sean, Sheldon, Simon)
- 2010 - Christianson Family, Washburn, Wis. (Marc, Ximena, Alex and Steven)
- 2011 - Huether Family, Sioux Falls, S.D. (Mike, Cindy and Kylie)
- 2012 - The Gunderson Sisters, Rapid City, S.D. (Karen and Janet)
- 2013 - The Stingley Family, St. Paul, Minn. (Tony, Ronda, David, Marc, Lisa, Langston)
- 2014 - The Fridinger Family, White Bear Lake/Woodbury, Minn. (Tom, Ellen, Steve, Beth, Evan, Caleb, Luke)
- 2015 - The Cantine Family, Milbank, S.D. (Larry, Loretta, Kevin, Greg, Scott)
- 2016 – The Kringlie Family, Valley City, N.D. (Erik, Susan, Hale, Kai)

**Eligibility:** All members of the winning family must be USTA members (or family membership)

**Criteria:** Among those items to be considered:

1. Volunteer service in fostering the development of tennis at any level of play in such areas as:
  - a. conducting tournaments
  - b. coaching
  - c. holding office on a local CTA or within the USTA organization
  - d. assistance with special events
2. Participation in competitive play
3. Involvement within the local tennis community

## **Frank Voigt Pro of the Year Award**

**Description:** This award is given to a tennis teaching professional who demonstrates leadership skills on and off the court.

**History:** This award was established in 1998 to support and recognize the accomplishments of teaching professionals that continually give of their time and energies to promote and develop the growth of tennis. Frank Voigt was one such individual. Voigt was one of the first indoor teaching pros in the Northern Section, taking a job at the Northstar when it first opened. He was the consummate gentleman and had a knack for making everyone on his court feel special, from local kids playing in their first tennis tournament to high-class celebrities such as Fred Astaire and the Kennedy's. Frank taught classic tennis at the most exquisite places, such as Woodhill Country Club and the West Palm Beach Bath & Tennis Club. In the mornings, he would give away free court time to junior players. He was a role model to all teaching professionals in that he was a highly knowledgeable, accomplished, and giving individual. Past recipients include:

1998 – Tunde Abe  
1999 – John Mueller  
2000 – Raman Jayapathy  
2001 – No winner  
2002 – John Eberhart  
2003 – Mark Muntifering  
2004 – Kathy Bolstad  
2005 – Kevin Rust  
2006 – Jeff Nelson  
2007 – Bruce Gullikson  
2008 – Tim & Tom Wynne  
2009 – Scott Swanson  
2010 – Greg Wicklund  
2011 – Susan Furtney  
2012 – Felicia Tebon  
2013 – Ryan Myhre  
2014 – Glenn Allsop  
2015 – Justin Jennings  
2016 – Steve Tacl

**Eligibility:** certified by USPTA or PTR, USTA membership

**Criteria:** Among those items to be considered:

1. coaches sectionally or nationally ranked players or teams
2. contributes to community tennis through volunteer work and development of programs
3. innovation in tennis programming for all skill levels and ages
4. provides an inviting and enjoyable atmosphere during all tennis lessons and activities
5. surpasses the expectations of employers and clientele

## **Jack Dow Adult Development**

**Description:** This award honors the individual whose efforts have had the greatest impact on improving adult competitive and recreational play for that year. Among those individuals to be considered are tennis teaching professionals, tournament directors, USTA League Tennis coordinators and captains, and others.

**History:** This award was created in 1987 to honor Jack Dow, a longtime tennis enthusiast from the Twin Cities area who founded the now extensive Senior Tennis Players Club. The award was formerly known as the Jack Dow Senior Development Award, but was renamed in 2005. Past Recipients include:

1987- Ernie Greene  
1988 – Percy Hughes  
1989 – Ellie Peden  
1990 – Loie & Bruce Clarke  
1991 – Nick Pappas  
1992 – Ginny Owens  
1993 – No winner  
1994 – Sandy Abramson  
1995 – Joan Dawe, Ron Liddiard  
1996 – Lee Johnson  
1997 – Dick & Shirley Pratt  
1998 – Arvin Cohen  
1999 – Liz Kamish  
2000 – Shirley Pratt, Connie Custudio  
2001 – Roger Boyer  
2002 – Helen & John Stecklein  
2003 – Betty & Boy Toy  
2004 – Percy Hughes  
2005 - Bob Williams  
2006 - Brian Christensen  
2007 - Carol Chervany  
2008 - Mike Vidmar  
2009 - Courtney Gramling  
2010 - Jeff Hoyt  
2011 - Robert Hank  
2012 - Mike Johnson  
2013 - Sheryl Warfield  
2014 - Brian Davies  
2015 - Jeanne Ewen  
2016 – Chad Larson

**Eligibility:** USTA membership

**Criteria:** Among those items to be considered:

1. commitment to improving tennis programs that specifically target the adult population
2. volunteer service to the adult tennis community
3. innovation in tennis programming for adults

## **Jerry Noyce Junior Sportsmanship Award**

**Description:** This award is presented to one boy and one girl who not only display the finest qualities of sportsmanship during tournament play, but who demonstrate exemplary conduct away from the court as well. The winners of this award are eligible for the corresponding national award.

**History:** Established in 1999 in the honor of Jerry Noyce, a vibrant member of the tennis community, top leader in the section, coach of the University of Minnesota teams, and manager of the Northwest Athletic Clubs. Noyce has contributed to the development of many top junior players, including David Wheaton, and sportsmanship is vital to his coaching philosophy. Past recipients include:

1999 - Jemre Okoh, Grace Hedstrom  
2000 - Kerry Meath, Michael Kantar  
2001 - Whitney Taney, Nick Carlson  
2002 - Chris Wilson, Kristen Gura  
2003 - Patrick Hoversten, Michelle Weerasinghe  
2004 - Jenny Arnfelt, Hamish Weerasinghe  
2005 - Allison Brufloodt, John Mielke  
2006 - BJ Flynn, Niltooli Wilkins  
2007 - Laura Johnson, Michael Sicora (Buffalo, Minn.)  
2008 - David Bergstrom (Grand Marais, Minn.), Hannah van de Mark (Sioux Falls, S.D.)  
2009 - Bridget Doyle (xxxx), Billy Paluch (Rapid City, Minn.)  
2010 - Matt Baker (Rosemount, Minn.), Sierra Halverson  
2011 - Lisa Hall (Lakeville, Minn.), Elliott Sprecher (Cadott, Wis.)  
2012 - Martin Beck (St. Paul, Minn.), Alexis Nelson (St. Paul, Minn.)  
2013 - Sonya Das (Arden Hills, Minn.), Gregory Wischer (Grand Forks, Minn.)  
2014 - Jessie Aney (Rochester, Minn.), Colton JohnsonTaylor (Apple Valley, Minn.)  
2015 - Izabella Edin (Staples, Minn.), Mark Johnson (Hudson, Wis.)  
2016 – Katie Mulvey (Woodbury, Minn.)/Colby Zak (Hastings, Minn.)

**Eligibility:** USTA membership (This award honors achievements that occur before the player's 19th birthday. Individuals age 19 & under are eligible)

**Criteria:** Among those items to be considered:

1. Has achieved a junior competitive player ranking
2. Displays respect for opponents, partners, teammates, tournament officials, coaches, chaperones and spectators
3. Encourages and supports fellow players
4. Exhibits a positive attitude on and off the court

## **Bob Larson Media Excellence Award**

**Description:** The Bob Larson Media Excellence Award, named after longtime Tennis Midwest and Daily Tennis Editor Bob Larson from Edina, Minn., recognizes a person/organization that has provided exemplary tennis coverage for the local community.

**History:** Past recipients include:

1997 - Bob Larson, Tennis Midwest  
1998 - Gregg Wong, Pioneer Press  
1999 - Charlie Boone, WCCO Radio  
2000 - Bismarck - Mandan Tribune  
2001 - Diana Pierce, Belinda Jensen, KARE 11  
2002 - Minneapolis Star Tribune, Glen Crevier  
2003 - Frank Vascellaro, KARE 11  
2004 - Ashland Daily Press, Washburn, WI  
2005 - Greg Wicklund, Racquet Ramblings – TennisLife Magazine  
2006 - Pat Ruff, Rochester Post Bulletin, Rochester, MN  
2007 - Jill Meier & Brandon Valley Challenger, Brandon SD  
2008 - Justin Gaard, KFAN Radio  
2009 - Grand Forks Herald, Grand Forks, ND  
2010 - Eric Perkins, KARE 11  
2011 - Jim Rueda, Mankato Free Press  
2012 - David Sommer, Senior Tennis Player Times  
2013 - Bruce Gullikson  
2014 - Implex's Qwikcast Division  
2015 - Matt Holsen, KELOLAND-TV  
2016 – No winner

**Eligibility:** Any individual or organization that provides media coverage to areas in USTA Northern

**Criteria:** Among those items to be considered:

1. Coverage of local tennis events and programs
2. Frequency, depth and quality of tennis coverage
3. Involvement in the tennis community

## **Member Organization of the Year**

**Description:** This award recognizes outstanding service by clubs, CTA's, schools, NJTL Chapters, Park & Recreation Agencies, and other member organizations. It represents a standard for which all member organizations can strive to achieve. Sectional winners are considered for the corresponding national award.

**History:** Past recipients include:

- 1986 - Nicollet Tennis Center (Minneapolis, MN)
- 1987 - Northwest Racquet, Swim, and Health Clubs (greater Twin Cities area)
- 1988 – No winner
- 1989 - Flagship Athletic Club (Eden Prairie, MN)
- 1990 - Woodlake Athletic Club (Sioux Falls, SD)
- 1991 - Decathlon Club (Bloomington, MN)
- 1992 - Hayward Golf & Tennis Club (Hayward, WI)
- 1993 - Senior Tennis Players Club (greater Twin Cities area)
- 1994 - Rochester Athletic Club (Rochester, MN)
- 1995 - White Bear Racquet & Swim (White Bear Lake, MN)
- 1996 - Swanson Tennis Center (St. Peter, MN)
- 1997 - Courts Plus Fitness Center (Fargo, ND)
- 1998 - Sioux Falls Tennis Association (Sioux Falls, SD)
- 1999 - Bismarck/Mandan Tennis Association (Bismarck, ND)
- 2000 - Madison Tennis Association (Madison, SD)
- 2001 - Cook County Tennis Association (Grand Marais, MN)
- 2002 - Chippewa Valley Tennis Association (Eau Claire, WI)
- 2003 - Rochester Tennis Center (Rochester, MN)
- 2004 - Senior Tennis Players Club (greater Twin Cities area)
- 2005 - Valley City Tennis Association (Valley City, ND)
- 2006 - Baseline Tennis Center (Minneapolis, MN)
- 2007 - Brandon Tennis Association (Brandon, SD)
- 2008 - Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center (St. Paul, MN)
- 2009 - Center Court Fitness Club (Grand Forks, MN)
- 2010 - St. Paul Urban Tennis (St. Paul, MN)
- 2011 - Eau Claire YMCA Indoor Tennis Center (Eau Claire, WI)
- 2012 - Bismarck-Mandan Tennis Association (Bismarck, N.D.)
- 2013 - Life Time Fitness – Lakeville (Lakeville, Minn.)
- 2014 - InnerCity Tennis (Minneapolis, Minn.)
- 2015 - Hastings Tennis Association (Hastings, Minn.)
- 2016 – East Ridge Tennis Association (Woodbury, Minn.)

**Eligibility:** USTA organizational member

**Criteria:** Among those items to be considered:

1. Service to the tennis community (i.e. donation of facilities for tournaments, special events, and clinics)
2. Service to the organization's members (i.e. offering a full menu of tennis activities that may include USTA programs, lessons, leagues, tournaments, and special events)
3. Service to the game of tennis (i.e. promotion of tennis to the general public)

## **Rocky Rockwell Grassroots Officials Award**

**Description:** Established in 2009 to honor an official who has done outstanding work as an official at the grassroots level. These people are the backbone of USTA officiating. The winner of this award is then nominated for the Nicholas Powel National Award

**History:** Past recipients include:

2009 – John Carnahan  
2010 – Tim Kurtt  
2011 – Londell Pease  
2012 – Robert Hank  
2013 – Tim Heck  
2014 – Tony Stingley  
2015 – Dennis Hayden  
2016 – Joe Boyer

**Eligibility:** USTA membership and must be a certified official

**Criteria:** Among those items to be considered:

1. Currently certified no higher than USTA line or USTA Chair
2. Works primarily at section/amateur events
3. Attitude is supportive of grassroots programming
4. Serves as a positive role model for all those he/she comes into contact.

## Ward C. Burton Junior Development Award

**Description:** presented to an individual/organization who has promoted the growth of tennis for juniors and served the junior tennis community in USTA Northern

**History:** Named in honor of Ward C. Burton for his contributions to junior tennis in USTA Northern. Burton was a booster of tennis in the 1930s and 40s and hosted the National Junior Grass Court Championships until it was forced to end in 1942 because of the war. This tournament brought in top-ranked junior players from all over the United States and remains the only tournament of its kind ever hosted in the area. Past recipients include:

1963 - Marvin Hanenberger  
1964 - Bernard Gunderson  
1965 - Justin Smith  
1966 - Dr. Bill Widen  
1967 - Jim Byrne  
1968 - Norm MacDonald  
1969 - Douglas Smith  
1970 - Joe Walsh  
1971 - Nick Pappas  
1972 - Al Teeter  
1973 - Frank Voigt  
1974 - Robert Speed  
1975 - Connie Custudio  
1976 - Marvin Wolfenson  
1977 - Carl Hensel  
1978 - Marvin Hanenberger  
1979 - David Ramsey  
1980 - No winner  
1981 - Ron York, Ric Yates  
1982 - Jerry Noyce  
1983 - Ron McGraw  
1984 - Joan Warner  
1985 - Debbie Gavin  
1986 - Jack Thommen  
1987 - Jim Murphy  
1988 - Hal Miller  
1989 - Hal Schroeder  
1990 - Tom Kotsonas  
1991 - Marc Miller  
1992 - Sue Gregor  
1993 - John King  
1994 - Jim Prittenen  
1995 - Patty Mraz  
1996 - Ernie Greene  
1997 - Steve Molen  
1998 - Collette Quam  
1999 - Kevin Rust  
2000 - Tim & Tom Wynne  
2001 - Dan Carlson  
2002 - Sue Furtney, Sue Hodgson  
2003 - Rochester Athletic Club  
2004 - Ryan Myhre  
2005 - Fred King  
2006 - Terry Paukert  
2007 - Jim Scholtz  
2008 - Lisa Salo  
2009 - Marc Stingley  
2010 - Bryce Barnard  
2011 - Mark Vellek

2012 - Craig Gordon  
2013 - Jenny Arnfelt  
2014 - Danny Kantar  
2015 - Kevin Whipple  
2016 – Adam & Sarah Doll

**Eligibility:** USTA membership

**Criteria:** Among those items to be considered:

1. Contributions to both competitive and recreational youth tennis programs (i.e. Tournaments, Junior Team Tennis, Competition Training Centers, Tennis Camps, etc.)
2. Innovation in youth tennis programming
3. Accomplishments of those individuals/teams whom the candidate has influenced

## Wolfenson/Ratner Community Service Award

**Description:** This award honors an individual for his/her outstanding fieldwork in recreational tennis. It is awarded for significant contributions in developing community-based tennis programs through community centers, schools, parks, and CTA's. The winner of this award is considered for the corresponding national award.

**History:** This award was renamed in 1996 to honor the work of Marvin Wolfenson and Harvey Ratner, then owners of the extensive Northwest Athletic Club system. Marv & Harv were businessmen that consistently promoted tennis through providing free court time, supporting college teams, and donating office space to house the USTA Northern staff. Their efforts extended outside of the club system and into the community. Past recipients include:

1976 - CC Lee (Aberdeen, SD)  
1977 – No winner  
1978 – No winner  
1979 – No winner  
1980 - Jack Thommen (Urban Tennis Program)  
1981 – No winner  
1982 – No winner  
1983 – No winner  
1984 – No winner  
1985 – No winner  
1986 – No winner  
1987 – No winner  
1988 – No winner  
1989 - Carolyn Larson (Bloomington Park & Recreation)  
1990 - Susie Gary (Sioux Falls Park & Recreation)  
1991 - Leon Hanka, Kay Bakke (Duluth, MN)  
1992 - Patty Mraz (Eagan Parks & Recreation)  
1993 - Jane Smith (Cable, WI)  
1994 - MaryKaye Champa (Richfield Park & Recreation)  
1995 - Sandy Peterson (Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board)  
1996 - Harvey Ratner, Marvin Wolfenson (Northwest Athletic Clubs)  
1997 - Steve Wilkinson (Gustavus Adolphus College)  
1998 - Roger Deloach (Duluth, MN)  
1999 - Fred Wells (Edina, MN), Brent Frueh (Bismarck, ND)  
2000 - Jeff Bloomberg (Pierre, SD)  
2001 - Patty Mraz (Apple Valley, MN)  
2002 - Mary Thompson (Sioux Falls, SD)  
2003 - John Muus (Grand Marais, MN)  
2004 - Greg Emerson (Eau Claire, WI)  
2005 - Tom Stenson (Prior Lake, MN)  
2006 - Susie Neet (Minneapolis, MN)  
2007 - George Erickson (Eveleth, MN)  
2008 - Steve Listopad (Jamestown, ND)  
2009 - Ellen Doll (Minneapolis, MN)  
2010 - Becky Blue (Brandon, SD)  
2011 - Liz Hamburg (Rapid City, SD)  
2012 - Koua Yang (St. Paul, MN)  
2013 - Les Zellmann (St. James, Minn.)  
2014 - Jessie Daw (Aberdeen, S.D.)  
2015 - Joyce Gavino (Minneapolis, Minn.)  
2016 – Steve & Kathy Haug (Alexandria, Minn.)

**Eligibility:** USTA membership

**Criteria:** Among those items to be considered:

1. Scope (number of people involved) and variety of programs
2. Impact on community's overall recreational picture

3. New and innovative features resulting from candidate's activities
4. Inspirational and motivational work with adults or juniors
5. Involvement with other community service or recreational organizations (YWCA/YMCA, Girl & Boys Scouts, Special Olympics, etc.) in the establishment of community-based tennis programs

## National Awards:

For information about USTA awards given out on a national level, please visit [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com). Here you will find a comprehensive list of all national awards, including deadlines, selection processes, and contact information for additional information. Past USTA Northern recipients of national awards are listed below:

- 2017 **Junior Leadership Award: Jackson Allen** (Shakopee, Minn.), **Isabella Lambert** (Minnetonka, Minn.)
- 2016 **Junior Leadership Award: Mark Johnson** (Hudson, Wis), **Izabella Edin** (Staples, Minn.)
- 2016 **Volunteer Award (10 Years or Less): Jeff Baill** (Wayzata, Minn.)
- 2016 **Seniors Service Award: David Sommer** (Minneapolis, Minn.)
- 2016 **NJTL of the Year (Level 4-5): InnerCity Tennis** (Minneapolis, Minn.)
- 2015 **Bill Talbert Junior Sportsmanship Award: Jessie Aney** (Rochester, Minn.)
- 2014 **Ralph Westcott Family of the Year: The Stingley Family** (St. Paul, Minn.)
- 2012 **Member Organization of the Year: Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center** (St. Paul, Minn.)
- 2012 **Barbara Williams Leadership Award: Sue Gregor** (Wayzata, Minn.)
- 2012 **Ralph Westcott Family of the Year: The Huether Family** (Sioux Falls, S.D.)
- 2012 **Bill Talbert Junior Sportsmanship Award: Sierra Halverson** (Burtrum, Minn.)
- 2012 **30 Years of Service Award: Steve Champlin** (Wayzata, Minn.)
- 2011 **Service Bowl: Belmar Gunderson** (River Falls, Wis.)
- 2010 **NJTL of the Year (Level 3): St. Paul Urban Tennis** (St. Paul, Minn.)
- 2010 **ITF Educational Merit Award: Steve Wilkinson** (St. Peter, Minn.)
- 2009 **Ralph Westcott Family of the Year: Walz Family** (Aitkin, Minn.)
- 2009 **USTA Member Organization of the Year: Baseline Tennis Center** (Minneapolis, Minn.)
- 2008 **USTA Outstanding Facility Award: Baseline Tennis Center** (Minneapolis, Minn.)
- 2007 **Outstanding Tennis Facility Award: Rochester Athletic Club** (Rochester, Minn.)
- 2007 **Seniors Service Award: Percy Hughes** (Richfield, Minn.)
- 2007 **Bill Talbert Junior Sportsmanship Award: Michael Sicora** (Buffalo, Minn.)
- 2006 **Samuel Hardy Award: Steve & Margie Champlin** (Wayzata, Minn.)
- 2005 **NJTL Chapter of the Year <\$50K budget category): NJTL of Cedar Isle Estates** (Apple Valley, Minn.)
- 2004 **Volunteer Service Award – 10 Years: Greg Lappin** (Rochester, Minn.)
- 2004 **Volunteer Service Award – 20 Years: Margie & Steve Champlin** (Wayzata, Minn.)
- 2004 **100+ Year Old Tennis Club Award – Lafayette Club** (Minnetonka Beach, Minn.), **Minikahda Club** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Sioux Falls Tennis Association** (Sioux Falls, S.D.), **Town & Country Club** (St. Paul, Minn.), **White Bear Yacht Club** (White Bear Lake, Minn.)
- 2003 **Outstanding Tennis Facility Award: Fort Snelling Tennis & Learning Center**
- 2003 **USA Tennis All-American Team: Tom Stenson** (Shakopee Youth Tennis Association, Shakopee, Minn.)
- 2002 **Bill Talbert Junior Sportsmanship Award: Caitlyn Loprinzi** (Rochester, Minn.)
- 2002 **Media Excellence Award: Gregg Wong** (St. Paul Pioneer Press, St. Paul, Minn.)
- 2002 **USA Tennis All-American Team: John Muus** (Cook County Tennis Association, Grand Marais, Minn.), Mary Thompson (Sioux Falls Tennis Association, Sioux Falls, S.D.), Ximena Christianson (Washburn Tennis Association, Washburn, Wis.)
- 2002 **Eve Kraft Community Service Award: Patty Mraz** (Apple Valley, Minn.)
- 2001 **USA Tennis All-American Team: Patty Mraz** (NJTL of Cedar Isle Estates, Apple Valley, Minn.)
- 2001 **Bill Talbert Junior Sportsmanship Award: Michael Kantar** (Minneapolis, Minn.)
- 2001 **USTA/NRPA Excellence in Tennis Programming: Rapid City Recreation Department** (Rapid City, S.D.)
- 1999 **Eve Kraft Community Service Award: Brent Frueh** (Bismarck, N.D.)
- 1999 **Eve Kraft Community Service Award: Frederick B. Wells** (Minneapolis, Minn.)
- 1998 **Family of the Year: Steve Champlin Family** (Wayzata, Minn.)
- 1995 **Eve Kraft Community Service Award: Ernest Green** (St. Paul, Minn.)
- 1995 **Bill Talbert Community Service Award: Lindsay Nielsen**
- 1995 **Family of the Year: Dick Riley Family** (Edina, Minn.)
- 1994 **Bill Talbert Junior Sportsmanship Award: Helen Wang**

- 1994 **Member Organization of the Year: Northwest Racquet, Swim & Health Club** (St. Louis Park, Minn.)
- 1993 **Nicholas E. Powel Award: Eugene Heller** (Sioux Falls, S.D.)
- 1989 **Eve Kraft Community Service Award: Jim Murphy** (St. Cloud, Minn.)
- 1988 **NJTL Chapter of the Year: St. Cloud, Minn.** (St. Cloud, Minn.)
- 1984 **USA Tennis NJTL Chapter of the Year** (Fargo, N.D.)
- 1953 **USTA Girls' Sportsmanship Trophy Award: Jeanne Arth** (St. Paul, Minn.)