



NORTHERN

2018

AWARDS &

RECOGNITION

GUIDE

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 guide has been developed to help with 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 guide is also available at www.northern.usta.com.

USTA Northern Awards & Recognition Committee:

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Member	Heather Landrus
Member	Bob Larson
Member	Patrick Smith
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Timeline:

December 2018: Section sends awards guide to organizational members

February 15, 2019: Deadline for nominations to be received by Section office

February/March 2019: Section Awards & Recognition Committee meets to determine recipients

May 10, 2019: Awards and Hall of Fame Presentations

Frequently Asked Questions:

How do I nominate someone? Anyone is invited to submit nominations for sectional awards and Hall of Fame. To do so, fill out a nomination form and submit to USTA Northern no later than February 15. You can submit a paper nomination or to nominate someone online visit:

Awards

<https://form.jotform.com/83014912481957>

Hall of Fame

<https://form.jotform.com/83475284430964>

What qualifies someone to receive a sectional award or Hall of Fame consideration? 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 and the Hall of Fame? Yes. To be considered, 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 and Hall of Fame recipients? Unless otherwise noted, award winners and Hall of Fame recipients are selected by the Section Awards & Recognition Committee.

How will I know if my nominee is selected to receive an award? Award winners and Hall of Fame recipients will be notified in March.

Where/when are sectional awards presented?

Awards presentations and Hall of Fame inductions will take place on Friday, May 10, 2019. The location will be announced at a later date. Each award recipient and Hall of Fame recipient will also be listed in at least one USTA Northern publication, including the Yearbook and *Northern Exposure Magazine*.

USTA Northern Section Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Your name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Relation to nominee: _____

Nominee: _____ **USTA Membership Number:** _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

USTA Northern is actively looking for nominees from all tennis backgrounds for induction into its Hall of Fame. Candidates can be players, administrators, teachers, coaches, media, volunteers, supporters, contributors, professional players, umpires, active members of USTA or CTAs, wheelchair or disabled athletes, USTA employees, club owners, Park & Recreation employees, among others. Candidates do not have to be living. We are looking for individuals from all over the Section which includes Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Northwestern Wisconsin.

What qualifies someone to receive consideration for the Hall of Fame? These qualifications are only guidelines used by the committee. It is up to the discretion of the committee if an exception to the following qualifications is deemed appropriate.

1. Candidate is at least 45 years old
2. Candidate has lived in USTA Northern at least 5 years during their accomplishments.
3. Candidate's past records, rankings, titles and his/her length of participation at the appropriate level of play in USTA Northern.
4. Candidate's contribution to tennis in USTA Northern by his/her actions, deeds, promotion or dedication to the game.
5. Candidate's affect on tennis at the National/International level through USTA participation and/or Professional or Collegiate activities.
6. Candidate's affect on TENNIS in their locality (small or large)

Candidates may have accomplishments in only one of these categories or in many of them.

Who can be considered a candidate? Candidates can be players, administrators, teachers, coaches, media, volunteers, supporters, contributors, professional players, umpires, active nationally with USTA, active with CTA, wheelchair or disabled athletes, USTA employees, club owners, park & recreation employees, among others.

Can I nominate myself for the Hall of Fame? Yes. To be considered for the Hall of Fame, we simply need the biographical information regarding a specific individual. This information can come from a relative, close friend, coach, client or even the candidate themselves.

1. How does the nominee meet the specific criteria listed for the Hall of Fame?

2. Please list the nominee's playing accomplishments and attach any supporting materials.

3. Please describe the nominee's involvement within the USTA and USTA Northern, including volunteer offerings.

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

5. Please outline the nominee's accomplishments and achievements. Include dates and significance to tennis in USTA Northern.

6. Additional comments (Be sure to include specific information about why this individual is most deserving of being inducted into the USTA Northern Hall of Fame.)

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 & Recognition Committee
c/o John Chandler
1001 W. 98th Street, Suite 101
Bloomington, MN 55431

EMAIL: john@northern.usta.com
FAX: 952-887-5061
Attn: Awards & Recognition Committee

You also may nominate someone online at

Hall of Fame

<https://form.jotform.com/83475284430964>

All nominations must be received no later than February 15, 2019.

For administrative use only:

Date of submission: _____ / _____ / _____ Staff Liaison: _____

Number: _____

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:

- Adult Sportsmanship Award
- Family of the Year
- Pro of the Year
- Adult Development Award
- Junior Sportsmanship Award

- Media Excellence Award
- Member Organization of the Year
- Grassroots Officials Award
- Junior Development Award
- Community Service Award

1. How does the nominee meet the specific criteria listed for the award? (Award criteria is available at www.usta.com and in the USTA Northern Awards & Recognition Guide.)

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

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

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

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

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

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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 Minikahda 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
2017 - Kamran Ahrar

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 - Gunderson Sisters, Rapid City, S.D. (Karen and Janet)
- 2013 - Stingley Family, St. Paul, Minn. (Tony, Ronda, David, Marc, Lisa, Langston)
- 2014 - Fridinger Family, White Bear Lake/Woodbury, Minn. (Tom, Ellen, Steve, Beth, Evan, Caleb, Luke)
- 2015 - Cantine Family, Milbank, S.D. (Larry, Loretta, Kevin, Greg, Scott)
- 2016 - Kringle Family, Valley City, N.D. (Erik, Susan, Hale, Kai)
- 2017 - Allen Family, Shakopee, Minn. (Eric, Susan, Jackson, Brooks, Lily)

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
2017 - Nguyen Vo

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
2017 - Rogina Cusic *awarded posthumously, Lori Keller

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 Bruflodt, 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 Johnson Taylor (Apple Valley, Minn.)
2015 - Izabella Edin (Staples, Minn.), Mark Johnson (Hudson, Wis.)
2016 - Katie Mulvey (Woodbury, Minn.)/Colby Zak (Hastings, Minn.)
2017 - Marit Swenson (North Oaks, Minn.) **awarded posthumously*

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, Wis.
- 2005 - Greg Wicklund, Racquet Ramblings – TennisLife Magazine
- 2006 - Pat Ruff, Rochester Post Bulletin, Rochester, MN
- 2007 - Jill Meier & Brandon Valley Challenger, Brandon S.D.
- 2008 - Justin Gaard, KFAN Radio
- 2009 - Grand Forks Herald, Grand Forks, N.D.
- 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
- 2017 - Brad Elliott Schlossman, Grand Forks Herald, Grand Forks, S.D.

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.)
- 2017 - Mission Township (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
2017 - Doug Miller

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
2017 - Meredith Lawrence

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.)
2017 - Neal Hagberg (Minneapolis, 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 communityservice 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. 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:

2018 **Outstanding Facility Award: White Bear Lake - Life Time** (White Bear Lake, Minn.)
2017 **Junior Team Tennis Organizer of the Year Award: Clay Sollenberger** (Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center, St. Paul, Minn.)
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.)