



**NORTHERN**

**2025  
AWARDS &  
HALL OF  
FAME 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 2025 guide has been developed to help with understanding the criteria and nominating procedure specifically for the section Hall of Fame 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 [Learn More Here.](#)

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**Timeline:**

<b>June 2025:</b>	Section sends awards guide to organizational members
<b>August 17, 2025:</b>	Deadline for nominations to be received by Section office
<b>September 3, 2025:</b>	Section Awards & Recognition Committee meets to determine recipients
<b>November 14, 2025:</b>	Awards and Hall of Fame Presentations

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

<p><b>How do I nominate someone?</b> 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 August 17, 2025 . You can submit a paper nomination or to nominate someone online visit:</p> <p><b>Awards</b></p> <p><a href="#">2025 Awards Nomination Form</a></p> <p><b>Hall of Fame</b></p> <p><a href="#">2025 HOF Nomination Form</a></p>	<p><b>Where/when are sectional awards presented?</b> Awards presentations and Hall of Fame inductions will take place on <b>Friday, November 14, 2025 at the InterContinental Hotel at MSP Airport</b>. Each award recipient and Hall of Fame recipient will also be listed in the USTA Northern 2025 end-of-year publication.</p>
<p><b>What qualifies someone to receive a sectional award or Hall of Fame consideration?</b> Consult the specific eligibility requirements and criteria listed for each award.</p>	<p><b>Can a person/organization receive the same award multiple times?</b> Yes. There is no limit to the number of times that a person/organization can receive the same award.</p>
<p><b>Can I nominate someone for multiple awards in the same year?</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>Who chooses the Section's award and Hall of Fame recipients?</b> Unless otherwise noted, award winners and Hall of Fame recipients are selected by the Section Awards &amp; Recognition Committee.</p>
<p><b>Can I nominate myself for an award and the Hall of Fame?</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>How will I know if my nominee is selected to receive an award?</b> Award winners and Hall of Fame recipients will be notified mid September. .</p>

# 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 adaptive athletes, former 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. Nominees do not have to be a current member of USTA.

**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. Candidates 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 effect on tennis at the National/International level through USTA participation and/or Professional or Collegiate activities.
6. Candidate's effect 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, 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?**

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**2. Please indicate the roles(s) the candidate is/has played within the tennis community. Check all that apply:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Player              | <input type="checkbox"/> Umpire  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrator       | <input type="checkbox"/> Active member of USTA                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher             | <input type="checkbox"/> Active member of a Community Tennis Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coach               | <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair or Adaptive Athlete                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Media               | <input type="checkbox"/> Former USTA Employee                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer           | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Owner                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter           | <input type="checkbox"/> Park and Recreation Employee                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributor         |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Player |  |

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

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

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

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

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7. 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.)

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**Please provide additional documentation as necessary (printed or electronic) including applicable newspaper articles, publications, and photographs.**

**\*2025\* NEW: Video submissions are available. Please provide a 2-5 minute video covering the above criteria per nomination. Video submissions can be uploaded [here](#).**

Thank you for your time in completing this nomination form!

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

USTA Northern  
Awards & Recognition Committee c/o Zeny McCoy  
2685 Vikings Circle Suite 100  
Eagan, MN 55121  
Email: [zeny@northern.usta.com](mailto:zeny@northern.usta.com)

If you have questions, please contact Zeny McCoy at 952-358-3291

**You also may nominate someone online at**

**[2025 Hall of Fame Nomination Form](#)**

All nominations must be received no later than **August 17, 2025**.

## Members of the USTA Northern Hall of Fame

1979 - JJ Armstrong	2001 - Charlie Boone	2007 - Chris Dummermuth
1979 - Jeanne Arth	2001 - Tim Butorac	2007 - Bernard Gunderson
1979 - Ward C. Burton	2001 - Connie Custodio	2007 - Dave Matthews
1979 - Bill Kuross	2001 - Belmar Gunderson	2007 - Jack Thommen
1979 - Norm MacDonald	2001 - Don Hendrickson	2009 - Joan Baker
1979 - Muriel Magnusson Cooper	2001 - Cammy Johnson	2009 - Tom Fridinger
1979 - Frank Voight	2001 - Fred King	2009 - Sue Gregor
1981 - Ken Boyum	2001 - Greg Lappin	2009 - Ginger Helgeson Nielsen
1981 - Wendell Ottum	2001 - Ellie Peden	2009 - John King
1981 - Robert Rockwell	2001 - Betty Swanson	2009 - Dick Riley
1981 - Rosemary Rockwell	2001 - Ric Yates	2011 - Thomas Boice
1981 - Joan Warner	2001 - Ron York	2011 - John Desmond
1983 - Jack Dow	2002 - John Adams	2011 - Nick Pappas
1983 - Jerry Noyce	2002 - Shirley Arth Loeding	2011 - Mary Thompson
1983 - Jack Roach	2002 - George Belden	2011 - Greg Wicklund
1983 - Justin Smith	2002 - Don Grebin	2013 - Marcia Bach
1983 - Steve Wilkinson	2002 - Helen Gruchella	2013 - Charles "Chuck" Darley
1985- Marvin Hanenberger	2002 - Trafford Jayne	2013 - Larry Dodge
1985 - Bucky Olson	2002 - Floyd "Lefty" Johnson	2013 - Susie Neet
1985 - Harvey Ratner	2002 - Elisabeth Kesting Harris	2015 - Bill Babcock
1985 - Marvin Wolfenson	2002 - Warner McNair	2015 - Fred Budde
1987 - Marguerite Davis	2002 - Gwendolyn Rees	2015 - John Mueller
1987 - Lachlan Reed	2003 - Horace Barton	2015 - Steve Paulsen
1987 - Al Teeter	2003 - John Barton	2017 - Timothy Burke
1987 - Dr. Bill Widen	2003 - Peggy Brenden	2017 - Brent Frueh
1989 - Ed Von Sien	2003 - Percy Hughes	2019 - Hugh Curtler *2022
1989 - Howe Atwater	2003 - Sandy Martin	2019 - Larry Sundby
1991 - Ann Henricksson	2003 - John Matlon	2019 - Tim Wynne
1991 - Pat Lamb	2003 - Marion "Buck" Shane	2019 - Tom Wynne
1991 - David Nash	2003 - John Simko	2020 - Edmund (Skip) Gage
1993 - Chuck Britzius	2003 - Phil Trautner	2020 - Bruce Gullikson
1993 - David Healey	2003 - Fred Wells	2021 - Betty & Boy Toy
1993 - Bob Larson	2003 - Gregg Wong	2021 - Dan James
1993 - Marnie Wheaton	2003 - Phil Woledge	2022 - Liz Kamish
1997 - Ernie Greene	2003 - David Yorks	2022 - Ab Hilo
1997 - Janet Marie Hoffman	2005 - Marjorie Champlin	2023 - Jeff Nelson
1997 - Les Johnson	2005 - Steven Champlin	2023 - Tony Stingley
1997 - Janet Marie McCutcheon	2005 - David L. Weber	2024 - Dan Shannon
1999 - John Mattke	2005 - David Wheaton	2024 - Jim Murphy
1999 - Wes Painter	2007 - Cliff Caine	2024 - Tim Kurtt
1999 - Jerry Pope	2007 - Dee Dolny	

# USTA Northern Section Award Nomination Form

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

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

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

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

Nominee(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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  | • Media Excellence                |
| • Family of the Year         | • Member Organization of the Year |
| • Pro of the Year            | • Grassroots Officials Award      |
| • Adult Development Award    | • Junior Development Award        |
| • Junior Sportsmanship 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](http://www.usta.com) and in the USTA Northern Awards & Recognition Guide.)

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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 provide additional documentation as necessary (printed or electronic) including applicable newspaper articles, publications, and photographs.**

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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 the 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 Paulsen  
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  
2019 - Sara Hong  
2020 - Jeff Craig  
2021- No winner  
2022 - Mary Beth McDonald  
2023 - Per Ostlund  
2024 - Tim Magnuson

**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 (such as USTA League Captains)
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 - Lacey 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 - Kringlie Family, Valley City, N.D. (Erik, Susan, Hale, Kai)  
2017 - Allen Family, Shakopee, Minn. (Eric, Susan, Jackson, Brooks, Lily)  
2019 - Butorac Family, Rochester, Minn. (Tim and Jan)  
2020 - Kuether Family  
2021 - No winner  
2022 - Porter Family, Mandan, ND  
2023 - Her Family, St. Paul  
2024 - Wheaton Family, St Paul

**Eligibility:** All members of the winning family must be USTA members

**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 and league play
  - b. coaching
  - c. participating in a local CTA or within the USTA organization
  - d. assistance with special events
2. Participation in competitive play such as JTT, USTA league play, high school and college leagues and tournaments
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  
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  
2019 - Matt Boughton  
2020 - Mark Vellek  
2021 - No winner  
2022 - Karl Monson  
2023 - Sabine Tetzloff  
2024 - Kornelia  
Staniszewska

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

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

1. coaches sectionally 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*  
2019 - Rod Morasch  
2020 - John Ribnick  
2021 - No winner  
2022 - Dave Cross  
2023 - Felicia Raschiatore  
2024 - NO WINNER

**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 JohnsonTaylor (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*
- 2019 - Aidan DeBoer (Sioux Falls), Monti Knewtson (Fargo)
- 2020 - Claire Loftus (Rochester, Minn.), Kaushik Bukkuri (Woodbury, Minn.)
- 2021 - No Winner
- 2022 - 18s Recipients: Anirudh Vadrevu and Zoe Adkins  
16s Recipients: Ryan Witter and Rishi Ranjith  
14s Recipients: Caleb Kennel and Aarti Prochnow  
12s Recipients: Kenny Perry and Malea Diehn
- 2023 - 18s Recipients: Collin Beduhn & Klarissa Her  
16s Recipients: Tej Bhagra & Claire Loftus  
14s Recipients: Johnny McDowell & Malea Diehn  
12s Recipients: Arnav Panwalker & Zoe Kremens
- 2024 - Momo Welch Okawa, Rhys Nielsen, Sarea Gu, Alex Rallis, Ava Erickson, Aaron Beduhn

**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. The person/organization acts as a promoter or communicator covering Northern tennis activities, news, and insights demonstrating excellence in informing and raising awareness of tennis in our section.

**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.  
2019 - No winner  
2020 - Patty Egart  
2021- No Winner  
2022 - No Winner  
2023 - No Winner  
2024 - Paul McDonald

**Eligibility:** Any individual or organization that provides media coverage to areas in USTA Northern. The eligibility as of 2025 for this award is no longer limited to professional journalists. Media has been expanded to include various forms such as television, newspapers, magazines, radio, online video broadcasts, podcasts, blogs and social media outlets or influencers.

**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.)  
2019 - Rochester Athletic Club (Rochester, Minn.)  
2020 - Life Time Bloomington South  
2021 - No Winner  
2022 - Minneapolis Park & Recreation (Minneapolis, MN)  
2023 - Bismarck Park & Recreation (Bismarck, ND)  
2024 - Huether Family Match Pointe (Valley City, ND)

**Eligibility:** Active 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  
2019 – Lisa Mushett  
2020 – James Robertson  
2021 - No Winner  
2022 - Richard Arians  
2023 - Jeffrey Both  
2024 - Tom Derouin

**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 with.

## **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	1987 - Jim Murphy	2011 - Mark Vellek
1964 - Bernard Gunderson	1988 - Hal Miller	2012 - Craig Gordon
1965 - Justin Smith	1989 - Hal Schroeder	2013 - Jenny Arnfelt
1966 - Dr. Bill Widen	1990 - Tom Kotsonas	2014 - Danny Kantar
1967 - Jim Byrne	1991 - Marc Miller	2015 - Kevin Whipple
1968 - Norm MacDonald	1992 - Sue Gregor	2016 - Adam & Sarah Doll
1969 - Douglas Smith	1993 - John King	2017 - Meredith Lawrence
1970 - Joe Walsh	1994 - Jim Prittenen	2019 - Brian McCoy
1971 - Nick Pappas	1995 - Patty Mraz	2020 - Mark Muntifering
1972 - Al Teeter	1996 - Ernie Greene	2021 - No winner
1973 - Frank Voigt	1997 - Steve Molen	2022 - Koua Yang
1974 - Robert Speed	1998 - Collette Quam	2023 - Harsh Mankad
1975 - Connie Custudio	1999 -	2024 - Sion Wilkins
1976 - Marvin Wolfenson	2000 - Tim & Tom Wynne	
1977 - Carl Hensel	2001 - Dan Carlson	
1978 - Marvin Hanenberger	2002 - Sue Furtney, Sue Hodgson	
1979 - David Ramsey	2003 - Rochester Athletic Club	
1980 - No winner	2004 - Ryan Myhre	
1981 - Ron York, Ric Yates	2005 - Fred King	
1982 - Jerry Noyce	2006 - Terry Paukert	
1983 - Ron McGraw	2007 - Jim Scholtz	
1984 - Joan Warner	2008 - Lisa Salo	
1985 - Debbie Gavin	2009 - Marc Stingley	
1986 - Jack Thommen	2010 - Bryce Barnard	

**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
4. Must be Safe Play Certified
5. PTR and/or RSPA Certification highly recommended

## **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.)  
2019 - Cindy Huether (Sioux Falls)  
2020 - Jason Olson (Rapid City, SD)  
2021 - No Winner  
2022 - Lydia Healy (Sioux Falls, SD)  
2023 - Lori Keller (SD)  
2024 - Camdentown Tennis Club (Minneapolis, MN)

**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:

- 2022 **Janet Louer Junior Team Tennis Organizer of the Year Award: Matt Boughton** (Eau Claire, WI)
- 2021 **Outstanding Facility Award: St. James High School Tennis Courts** (St. James, Minn.)
- 2020 **Janet Louer Junior Team Tennis Organizer of the Year Award: Sadie Reiners** (Hasting, MN)
- 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 **Janet Louer Junior Team Tennis Organizer of the Year Award: Oliver Summers** (Fargo, ND)
- 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.)  
1983 **USTA Girls' Sportsmanship Trophy Award: Jeanne Arth** (St. Paul, Minn.)