



## SCHOOL OF CHARACTER APPLICATION

SCHOOL	
ADVISOR(s)	
SCHOOL ADDRESS	
CITY	ZIP
SCHOOL PHONE	ADVISOR EMAIL
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	
SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT	
SUPERINTENDENT'S MAILING ADDRESS	
I certify that the below activities are accurately represented:	
(Signature of Advisor or Principal)	

### DIRECTIONS

- You must be an MASC member school to participate. Contact Terri Johnson ([mascducks@gmail.com](mailto:mascducks@gmail.com)) for details on how to become a member or visit [www.masc1.org](http://www.masc1.org) to signup today.
- Indicate level: High School  Junior High/Middle School  Elementary
- Fill out school information (above) completely.
- Label all papers, photos, newspaper articles, etc., with the name of your school and the category number (i.e. – “Required, #2” or “Optional #6”). These can all be submitted electronically, via Dropbox. **Contact Trish Lutz at [lutz@somo.org](mailto:lutz@somo.org) to gain access to the Dropbox folder.**
- You may not use an activity for more than one category. However, you should see notes for #5 Booster Club if you have a #4 Partner’s Club.
- In order to qualify for the Gold level you must fulfill all required activities and at least 2 optional activities (cannot qualify with just fundraising points).
- Include one artifact for verification of each activity (photograph, newspaper article, receipt, etc). Only one activity per category is necessary. **Have advisor initial** in “Submitted” column.
- Activities from January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016, may be used.
- Have your advisor or principal review the completed application, sign and date application.
- Application must be electronically submitted by February 1, 2017.

#### FOR SOMO USE ONLY

Date received:  
Date reviewed:  
Award granted: Gold Silver Bronze  
Reason, if no:  
Level: HS MS/JH Elem  
MASC member: Yes No

#### Questions & clarifications, contact:

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# AWARDS SUMMARY

	High School	Middle/Junior High	Elementary
<p><b>Award of Merit</b>            Awarded to 1 school displaying outstanding commitment to individuals with intellectual disabilities, a true understanding of unity, and a passion for raising awareness and funds for local SOMO athletes.            In addition to meeting the point minimum, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An essay explaining your school's efforts to meet the above requirements.</li> <li>• A video showing events you held/organized/participated in during the year.</li> <li>• Proof of your fundraising efforts, using the fundraising tracking sheet at the end of this packet.</li> </ul> <p><b>Winner will receive the Gold level rewards, plus \$500 for your school's SO team equipment/uniforms, etc*.</b></p>	1200	1000	650
<p><b>Gold</b> (\$300+ value) Choose <u>ONE</u> of the following or 3 from the Bronze package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Play Unified package + 10 add'l Play Unified shirts, banner, 50 giveaways (example: pens, cups).</li> <li>• 1 MASC camp scholarships.</li> <li>• \$300 toward your school's SO team equipment/uniforms, etc*.</li> </ul>	Points must be from the required activities + a minimum of 2 optional activities.		
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<p><b>Silver</b> (\$200+ value) Choose <u>ONE</u> of the following or two from the Bronze package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Play Unified package (10 Play Unified shirts) + 5 add'l Play Unified shirts, banner, 25 giveaways (example: pens, cups).</li> <li>• \$200 toward your school's SO team equipment/uniforms, etc*.</li> </ul>	Points must be from the required activities + a minimum of 1 optional activity.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Play Unified package (10 Play Unified shirts) + 5 add'l Play Unified shirts, banner, 25 giveaways (example: pens, cups).</li> <li>• \$200 toward your school's SO team equipment/uniforms, etc*.</li> </ul>	650	500	400
<p><b>Bronze</b> (\$100+ value) Choose <u>ONE</u> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Play Unified package (10 Play Unified shirts).</li> <li>• \$100 toward your school's SO team equipment/uniforms, etc*.</li> </ul>	Points must be from the required activities + a minimum of 1 optional activity.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Play Unified package (10 Play Unified shirts).</li> <li>• \$100 toward your school's SO team equipment/uniforms, etc*.</li> </ul>	500	400	300

**\*Within the expenditure guideline established through SOMO agency accounts and approved by the SOMO Board of Directors.**



## REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

SUBMITTED	APPROVED	POINTS AVAILABLE	QUALIFYING ACTIVITY
		100	1. Group volunteers at a SOMO local, area, regional, or state event. <i>Examples: Fans in the stands, scorekeeper, referee, etc.</i>
		100	2. Group photographs – one group, one action.

## OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

SUBMITTED	APPROVED	POINTS AVAILABLE	QUALIFYING ACTIVITY
		100	1. Hold a Play Unified event.
		100	2. Submit a video of involvement in SOMO. <i>Examples: Plunge, Over the Edge, Volunteering, Spread the Word to End the Word promotion, Respect rallies, Pep rallies involving SO athletes..</i>
		100	3. Attend a Special Olympics training or conference. <i>Contact Trish for a list of qualified training/conferences. At least 1 youth representative from your school must attend.</i>
		100	4. Have a Partner's Club. <i>A Partner's Club is a club for students with and without intellectual disabilities that comes together for sports, games, community service, school events, and most of all, to have fun!</i>
		100	5. Have a Booster Club. <i>A fundraising group that holds fundraisers to pay for SOMO team expenses like travel, uniforms, and equipment. IF your Partner's Club also fundraises, you can claim points for both of these.</i>
		250	6. Utilize Get Into It curriculum in the classroom. Name of teacher: Subject/grade:
		250	7. Host/organize a Special Olympics sports or fundraising event. <i>Must be part of the planning and execution of the event and done in conjunction with your local SOMO staff. Contact Trish for details on what qualifies.</i>
		250	8. Organize & run a Young Athlete Program. <i>Training required prior to execution. Contact Trish to set up training.</i>
		250	9. Host a SOMO information booth at an MASC event.
		500	10. Host a round table or discussion group at an MASC district or state convention.
		variable	11. Fundraise. <i>Plunge, Over the Edge, Raffle or other fundraiser. 1 point for every \$100 raised. Use tracking form.</i>
		500	12. Youth coach. <i>At least one person in your group is a certified youth coach for your local SOMO team.</i>
		1000	13. Start/Continue a youth Unified sports school or community team. (Must include at least 1 STUCO member.)
		1000	14. Start a traditional youth Special Olympics school or community team. (At least 1 STUCO member must volunteer with team.)



