

The Athletic Trainer Award, sponsored by Medco Sports Medicine, will be awarded at the annual WSSAAA Conference, to an athletic trainer working in the Secondary School setting in our state. The award seeks to annually recognize an athletic trainer whose work has had a significant impact on the lives of student-athletes, the school, and the larger community. The award will be presented at Monday's breakfast during the WSSAAA Conference.

As healthcare professionals who labor to ensure the health and safety of our student athletes, athletic trainers are the front-line first responders to all manner of athletic health issues and sports-related injuries. Beyond that though, your athletic trainer is likely someone who seeks to educate the athletes, the school, and the community in matters of health and safety. This award gives you a chance to have your school's athletic trainer recognized for the efforts made to improve the well-being of your student population.

Please consider the ways in which your athletic trainer has made a difference in your school and community, and take the time to nominate him or her for this award. The Washington State Athletic Trainers Association will fund Sunday night's stay at the conference hotel, so your athletic trainer can travel to Spokane on Sunday, receive the award Monday morning, and return to school that day. Special thanks to the Board of Directors of the Washington Secondary Schools Athletic Administrators Association for their support of this recognition award and to Michael Espalin, Regional Sales Representative at Medco Sports Medicine, for his sponsorship of the award.

***Nominations must be made by an Athletic Director.*** Besides the nomination form, the nominating AD may include letters of support, such as from parents of a student-athlete, a coach, or a team physician. These items should be collected by the AD and submitted with the nomination as a single packet. To be considered, nomination materials must be sent to the selection committee (via email to [roleary@lwsd.org](mailto:roleary@lwsd.org)) by January 22nd. Thank you in advance for taking the time to nominate your athletic trainer.

WSSAAA MEDCO ATHLETIC TRAINER AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Name of Athletic Trainer \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Trainer email \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Trainer phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Name of nominator \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In the space below, or on a separate page, describe how the athletic trainer has made a significant positive impact on the school student athletes.

In the space below, or on a separate page, describe the impact the athletic trainer has had on her/his community.

This form, along with any additional material in support of the nomination, should be sent to the selection committee (c/o Rick O'Leary [roleary@lwsd.org](mailto:roleary@lwsd.org)) by January 22<sup>nd</sup> in order for your nominee to be considered.