



## Fetterman Award Criteria & Process Overview

Clark Sports Center | In Memory of Patrick C. Fetterman

### Recipient Qualifications

Award nominees are celebrated for their genuine and sustained service to **local youth in athletics**, reflecting the spirit and character of Patrick C. Fetterman. Ideal honorees are described with phrases like:

#### Personal Attributes

- Caring, compassionate, and kind
- Honest, fair, ethical
- Patient, humorous, and sportsmanlike
- Well-liked and respected by youth and adults
- Motivated by service—not recognition

#### Athletic Engagement

- Direct involvement with youth sports (coaching, officiating, organizing)
- May contribute through fundraisers, booster clubs, or mentorship
- Teaches through example and leads with integrity
- Truly enjoys working with and for children
- Offers positive experiences through athletics
- Acts as an outstanding role model

#### This Award Is Not:

- Limited to gender, age, or number of recipients
- Based on wins/losses or monetary donations
- A one-time recognition, it honors a way of life

### Selection Process

The **Clark Sports Center staff** is invited to participate in the award's annual selection. A designated **committee chairperson** will:

1. Solicit nominations from community stakeholders:
  - Local schools, youth organizations, civic clubs
  - Past award recipients and trusted advocates
2. Build profiles for each nominee
3. Convene a selection meeting to discuss and vote

### Voting Procedure

- A nominee must receive **over 50% of votes** to be selected

- If no nominee reaches this threshold, the lowest vote-getter is dropped, and a new vote occurs
- Absentee votes are allowed in these cases:
  - Needed for majority/tiebreak
  - Missed meeting due to unforeseen circumstances

## Final Approval

- The **Clark Foundation** provides formal approval
- The recipient is then contacted to accept the honor

## Award Presentation

- **Ms. Jane Forbes Clark** delivers the official speech and presentation
- It is hoped the Clark Foundation Board and the recipient's family are present in support
- Recipient receives:
  - A personalized plaque
  - Permanent nameplate on Fred Blatt's sculpted trophy
  - Recognition via community media and Center publications
- **Inscription on Plaque**  
*Given annually in memory of Patrick C. Fetterman to the person dedicated to serving local youth, especially in the area of athletics. The recipient embodies the meaning of outstanding sportsmanship, inspired leadership, and caring service.*

## Fetterman Award | Eligibility Clarifications & Committee Guidelines

### Repeat Recipients

- **Yes**, an individual may receive the Fetterman Award **more than once** if their sustained contributions continue to exemplify the award's values.
- **Consecutive Year Awards**: Not prohibited, but typically **discouraged**, to allow recognition of a broader range of community contributors.

### Clark Sports Center Staff Eligibility

- Staff members **are eligible** to receive the award.
- If a staff member serving on the selection committee is nominated, they must:
  - **Accept the nomination** and **step down from the committee**, OR
  - **Decline the nomination** and **remain on the committee**

### Career vs. Volunteer Contributions

- A nominee whose **involvement with youth athletics is part of their professional career** and who receives financial compensation is **still eligible**.
- Award decisions focus on **character, impact, and service** rather than employment status or job title.