

Performance Award

Joel Terrell Outstanding Performance Memorial Award



Each year at the AAU Junior Olympic Games, a representative of each sport contested is awarded the Joel Ferrell Outstanding Performance Memorial Award. The AAU, along with the assistance and the guidance of the Joel Ferrell family, established the Joel Ferrell Award to recognize the athletic ability and sportsmanship of an athlete representing each official sport at the AAU Junior Olympic Games. In addition to the award presented at the Games, each recipient's name is engraved on a special plaque at the AAU National Headquarters in Orlando, Florida.

Joel Ferrell, a former aerospace engineer, made numerous contributions to the AAU. Well known in the swimming community, he was inducted to the Swimming Hall of Fame and has a pool in Tullahoma, Tennessee named after him. He held several positions with the AAU, including the presidency from 1976-78, and was Vice President of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). In December 1988, he passed away in his hometown of Tullahoma, Tennessee.

2002 AAU Joel Ferrell Award Winners		
Sport	Winner (Age)	Hometown
Baseball	Chris Nelson (16)	Decatur, GA
Baton Twirling	Danielle Cobb (12)	Yorktown, VA
Boys Basketball	Stanley Asumnu (19)	Knoxville, TN
Girls Basketball	Ivory Latta (17)	McConnells, NC
Cheerleading	Erin Tiazkun (15)	Toms River, NJ
Dance	Katie Summerhays	Salt Lake City, UT
Field Hockey	Allyson Doan (15)	Ann Arbor, MI
Golf	Lindsey Bergeon (16)	Sarasota, FL
Gymnastics	Michelle Bourque (18) Kevin Anderson (17)	North Port, FL Schoolcraft, MI
Jump Rope	Katherine Diamond (19) Eric Cornell (20)	Columbia, MD Jefferson, MD
Karate	Cynthia Lewis (18) Nick Blumenthal (18)	Kennendale, TX Lake Zurich, IL
Multi-Events	Sarah Gretzmacher (17) Krisoph Becker (18)	Arnold, MO Media, PA
Powerlifting	Emily Edwards (17)	Show Low, AZ
Swimming	Blair Camille Cross (12) Dan Rule (18)	Raleigh, NC Maryville, TN
Table Tennis	Yao Xu (13)	Gaithersburg, MD
Taekwondo	Rahni Jenkins (16) Chandler Gagnon (9)	Bealeton, VA Bartlett, TN
Tennis	Kendall Gibbs (18) Chris Shultz (18)	Mansfield, TX Parsons, KS
Track & Field (Track Events)	Alondra Cooper (16) Demi Omole (17)	West Palm Beach, FL Milwaukee, WI
Track & Field (Field Events)	Lindsey Grieoriev (17) Kenneth McKinley (18)	Laurel, MO Yoakum, TX
Trampoline & Tumbling	Bridgett Fannin (18) Sidney Gordon (16)	West Liberty, KY Vincennes, IN
Weightlifting	Sarah Howell (19)	Lincoln, GA
Wrestling	Drew Michelotti (18)	Rochester Hills, MI