

Musse Olol was born and raised in Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia. He later immigrated to Oregon in the United States, where he would live for the next 33 years. He eventually became an American citizen.

For his post-secondary education, Olol attended the local Portland State University. There, he earned a degree in mechanical engineering.

Publicly, Olol is noted for his social work with the Somali American Council of Oregon (SACOO), serving as its Chairman and official spokesperson. His duties with the organization include volunteering as a counselor, facilitator, interpreter and co-sponsor. SACOO offers guidance to new Somali families and works closely with city, state and federal authorities to strengthen civic relations.

For his many contributions to the community through SACOO, Olol was presented in Washington, D.C. with the FBI's 2011 Director's Community Leadership Award (DCLA). The prize is issued annually to individuals or groups that have earned distinction through service to society.