



Position Title: *U.S. Youth Ambassador*

Department: *Unified Champion Schools*

Overview

Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools has formed an inclusive group of youth leaders to represent their Region as advocates, advisors, and participants in leadership development training. Youth leaders with and without intellectual disabilities aged 14 to 22 years old will serve as U.S. Youth Ambassadors for two years (September 2021 – August 2023) in a role focused on training, engagement and activation at the national level.

Duties and Responsibilities

U.S. Youth Ambassadors will engage in three primary areas:

- Advocacy and Story-telling
 - Speaking
 - Social media
 - Monthly vlogs
- Advisory and Input
 - Connecting with UCS team on special projects
 - Sub-committees
 - Monthly Meetings
- Professional Development
 - One-off activations based on region
 - Three in-person professional development opportunities per year (attendance at 2/3 required)
 - Onboarding training: Fall 2021
 - Mid-Year training: Spring 2022
 - End of year Summit: Summer 2022

Expectations

- Full two-year commitment
- Be available for **two out of three** in-person professional development opportunities per year (outlined in “Professional Development” section above)
- Attend all monthly meetings to provide input and feedback on resources and initiatives, report out on subcommittee work, and share activations happening in each Region represented
- Submit all assignments **on time**
 - Monthly vlogs due the last day of each month
 - Consistent engagement with SONA social media platforms
- Respond to all emails in a timely manner. If email is not the best form of communication, identify another form of communication with a faster response time

Desired Qualifications

- Comfortable with domestic travel (with Unified partner and mentor)
- Strong communication and organizational skills
- Motivation and interest in disability inclusion, education and working with non-profits
- Exhibit cultural sensitivity; be mindful of challenges facing at-risk youth and social justice issues
- Interest in creating written, visual, and/or video content
- Prior experience with Special Olympics, Unified Sports, or Inclusive Youth Leadership desirable
- Commitment to learning and growing as a leader!



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U.S. Youth Ambassador Program

Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion

We encourage state Programs to nominate youth leaders of all gender, race, and ability levels. U.S. Youth Ambassadors represent all of North America and the program must reflect the diverse range of backgrounds and experiences of young leaders in all of the schools we work with. Special Olympics provides equal opportunities to all applicants and prohibits discrimination and harassment of any type without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, genetics, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local laws.