



Special Olympics
**Unified Champion
Schools**®

U.S. Youth Ambassador
Program

Position Title: *U.S. Youth Ambassador*
Department: *Unified Champion Schools*

Overview

Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools is looking for a new class of youth leaders to join the U.S. Youth Ambassadors team! 14 youth leaders with and without intellectual disabilities between the ages of 14 and 22 years old will be selected to serve as U.S. Youth Ambassadors for two years (August 2022 – July 2024) in a role focused on training, engagement, and activation at the national level (across the U.S.!).

Duties and Responsibilities

U.S. Youth Ambassadors will engage in **three** main areas:

- Advocacy and Storytelling
 - Speaking engagements (example: interview a Unified Coach)
 - Social media (example: answer social media prompts for our Instagram)
 - Monthly vlogs (example: respond to questions about Inclusion and record yourself answering)
- Advisory and Input
 - Connecting with Special Olympics North America staff on special projects
 - Monthly Meetings
- Professional Development
 - One-off requests based on your State Program (for example, a speaking opportunity at a conference in your state)
 - Three in-person professional development opportunities (attendance at 2/3 required)
 - Onboarding training: Fall 2022
 - Mid-Year training: Spring 2023
 - End of year Summit: Summer 2023

Expectations

- Full two-year commitment
- Be available for at minimum **two out of three** in-person professional development opportunities per year (outlined in “Professional Development” section above)
- Attend all monthly meetings
- 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 as quickly as possible! If email isn’t the best for you, have another form of communication that is (ex: text messages)

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Desired Qualifications

- Comfortable with traveling across the US (with your partner and mentor)
- Strong communication and organizational skills
- Interest in disability inclusion, education, and working with non-profits
- Aware of social justice issues and challenges some youth face
- 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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