



JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Athlete Spokesperson (Global Messenger)

Purpose: To promote, educate and inform about the mission, philosophy and benefits of Special Olympics through public speaking, networking, and advocacy.

Responsibilities:

- Commit to serving as an Athlete Spokesperson for 2 years.
- Attend in-person training workshops in Richmond (1 per year for 2 years).
- Work with Mentor to find speaking events in your community.
- Complete a minimum of 3 speaking opportunities per year.
- Report all Athlete Spokesperson activity utilizing the on-line reportform.
- Represent Special Olympics in a professional manner.

Time Requirements: 5-10 hours per month

Qualifications:

- Enthusiasm for the mission and philosophy of Special Olympics
- Be active in Special Olympics
- Desire to share your story with others
- Knowledge and comfort with public speaking
- Ability to travel
- Have time to practice and prepare for your speeches
- Be willing to grow and work on things that are hard
- Strong communication skills. Be able to give a speech that is 3-5 minutes long

In order to receive a Certificate of Completion from the SOVA Athlete Spokesperson Program, you must meet all of the requirements above. Those who complete all responsibilities for the two-year period will be recognized for their accomplishments.

Supervisor: Athlete Spokesperson Mentor and SOVA Staff

Training Provided: Athlete Spokesperson Training Workshops

All Athlete Spokesperson Candidates and Mentor Candidates will be interviewed by SOVA Staff. Appointments to the 2028 Class will be made based on the nomination form, an interview, and feedback from volunteers and staff in your Area.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: *Athlete Spokesperson (Global Messenger) Mentor*

Purpose: To provide support to an Athlete Spokesperson in preparing and arranging speaking opportunities. Process may involve working with SOVA staff for specific events but Mentors should be prepared to work alongside the Athlete Spokesperson on sourcing opportunities within their local community.

Responsibilities:

- Commit to serving as an Athlete Spokesperson Mentor for a minimum two-year ~~training~~ period.
- Attend in person training workshops (1 per year for 2 years).
- Work with Athlete Spokesperson in preparation for each presentation.
- Assist in arranging at least 3 speaking engagements for Athlete Spokesperson per year of training.
- Provide transportation for the athlete to speaking engagements when needed.
- Report Global Messenger activity utilizing the on-line report form.
- Support Athlete post- training along their leadership journey with SOVA

Time Requirements: 5-10 hours per month

Qualifications:

- Commitment to and passion for the mission and philosophy of Special Olympics.
- At least 3 years of Special Olympics experience.
- Good rapport/working relationship with Athlete Spokesperson applicant.
- Excellent organizational skills.
- Strong oral and written communication skills.
- Valid driver's license and vehicle access to support Athlete Spokesperson travel.
- Time to help Athlete Spokesperson prepare for presentations.

In order to receive a Certificate of Completion from the SOVA Athlete Spokesperson Program, the Mentor must meet all of the requirements above. Mentors who complete all responsibilities for the two-year period will be recognized at a SOVA event for their accomplishments.

Supervisor: SOVA Staff Athlete Spokesperson Liaison

Training Provided: Athlete Spokesperson Workshops & Mentor Training

All Mentor and Athlete Spokesperson Candidates will be interviewed by SOVA Staff. Appointments to the 2028 Class will be made based on the Nomination Form, an interview and feedback from volunteers and staff in your Area.