



VOLUNTEER INFORMATION FORM

NAME	LAST:	FIRST:	MI:
STREET ADDRESS:			
CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE:			
PHONE	DAYTIME:	EVENING:	
E-MAIL:			
FAX NUMBER:			AGE:
WHAT GROUP ARE YOU REPRESENTING?			

Volunteer Time Interest

How much time do you have to volunteer for Special Olympics Virginia (SOVA)? (Check One)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	One Day Event
<input type="checkbox"/>	Seasonal Involvement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Year-Round

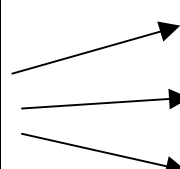
Specific Volunteer Job Interest

Check your interest(s).

Category	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local Program
<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative/Office Support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Event Management Team
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medical Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fund Raising/Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Intern

Please mark sport interest in the right hand table for the following categories.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Coach/Assistant Coach
<input type="checkbox"/>	Official
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sports Clinician
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unified Partner (Playing on Teams with Special Olympics Athletes)



Interest	Sport	Check if Certified to Officiate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alpine Skiing	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Basketball	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bocce	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bowling	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Equestrian	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Floor Hockey	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Golf	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gymnastics- Artistic	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gymnastics- Rhythmic	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ice Skating-Figure	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ice Skating-Speed	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Motor Activities Training Program	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nordic Skiing	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Powerlifting	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Roller Skating- Figure	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Roller Skating- Speed	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sailing	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Soccer	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Softball	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Swimming	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Track and Field	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tennis	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Volleyball	

Special Skills

(Please check any special skills or interests you have that you would be willing to share with a Special Olympics program or event)

Accounting	Proposal/Grant Writing
Computer Skills	Public Speaking
Entertainment	Sign Language/Interpreting
Graphic Design	Videography
Photography	Writing
Other: (Specify)	

Previous Special Olympics Experience

Do you have any prior Special Olympics experience? (Describe)

Volunteer Background Information (Questions must be answered)

	Yes	No
1. Do you use illegal drugs?		
2. Have you ever been convicted of any criminal offense?		
3. Have you ever been charged with neglect, abuse, or assault?		
4. Has your driver's license ever been suspended or revoked?		
A "Yes" answer to any of the questions does not automatically preclude your approval for volunteering with Special Olympics Virginia.		

The information that I have provided may be verified and I give my permission to Special Olympics Virginia (SOVA) to make inquiry of others concerning my suitability to act as a SOVA Volunteer. This inquiry, when deemed necessary, may include a Criminal History Record and/or Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry Search carried out through the Virginia State Police, or another state or national agency of SOVA's choice. In the course of volunteering for SOVA, I may be dealing with confidential information and I agree to keep it in the strictest confidence. I grant SOVA permission to use my likeness, voice, and words in television, radio, film, or any form to promote the activities of Special Olympics.

I attest that I have read the above and that the information I have given is true and complete. I understand that if any information changes during my tenure as a volunteer, I will notify SOVA of the changes.

Signature:	Date:
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Interviewed by:
Date:
Comments:

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LOCAL PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS

Local programs are the heart of SOVA. Each local program provides sports training and competition throughout the year for the athletes in their community. Local programs need event volunteers, coaches, fund raisers, public relations specialists, and administrative volunteers to oversee the programs.

Time Requirement: Varies depending on interest from one day, seasonal (2-3 hours/week for 3-4 months) or year-round.

ADMINISTRATIVE/OFFICE SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

Duties can include data entry, filing, copying, mailing volunteer packets, and other jobs.

Time Requirement: Generally requires 1-5 hours per week but time requirements are flexible.

EVENT MANAGEMENT TEAM VOLUNTEERS

Special Olympics Virginia events are conducted at all levels of the organization (ie. Local, Regional, State-wide events). Volunteers are needed to plan and staff all competitions and fund raising events.

Special Olympics Virginia supports its efforts by running large special events to raise money for the athletes. Each local program also raises funds to support local programming and athlete opportunities. Volunteers working with events can participate as day volunteers or can work on the management and administration of events throughout the state.

Time Requirement: Generally requires 10 hours per month for a 3-4 month period.

MEDICAL SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Medical Service Volunteers provide on-site coverage of Special Olympics competitions and also assist in providing pre-participation medical examinations for Special Olympics athletes. Medical Service Volunteers consist of physicians, athletic trainers, nurses, physical therapists, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and others.

Time Requirement: One day or part of a day for both event coverage and pre-participation medical examinations.

STUDENT INTERN VOLUNTEERS

Students looking for experience in Sports Management, Special Education, Event Management, Public Relations, Marketing and Development can all benefit from working with the Special Olympics staff, volunteers and athletes. Interns looking for additional community service hours to add to their portfolio are also welcome and can find challenging and interesting jobs to do at Special Olympics Virginia.

Time Requirement: Recommended at least 5 hours per week for a rewarding experience.

FUND RAISING/DEVELOPMENT VOLUNTEERS

Fund Raising and Development Volunteers plan, implement or participate in activities to raise financial and in-kind support for the local programs, regional and state organized events. These activities can include solicitation of businesses and individuals for support or the organization of a special event.

Time Requirement: Varies depending on interest from one day, seasonal (2-3 hours/week for 3-4 months) or year-round.

COACHING VOLUNTEERS

Local coaches are needed in all Special Olympics Virginia sports. Coaches train athletes for a minimum of 2 hours per week for an 8 week season. Each coach works directly with the Special Olympics athletes preparing them for competition and teaching them the necessary skills to compete at the athletes' highest level.

Time Requirement: 2 hours per week for 8 week season.

SPORTS OFFICIAL VOLUNTEERS

Special Olympics Virginia needs people who are qualified to officiate sporting events. All sports in Special Olympics require judges or officials for fair and equal competition. Special Olympics Virginia offers training sessions for groups and individuals who are not certified officials but have an interest in officiating Special Olympics events.

Time Requirement: 2-8 hours per event.

SPORTS CLINICIAN VOLUNTEERS

Special Olympics Virginia needs professionals statewide to help train new coaches and give insight to more experienced coaches in the program so they may better prepare athletes for competition and run effective practices.

Time Requirement: 4-6 hours per training session.

UNIFIED PARTNER

Unified Partners train and compete as teammates with Special Olympics athletes. Unified Partners serve as mentors and role models for the athletes. Sports knowledge and experience are not required.

Time Requirement: Minimum of 2 hours per week for an 8 week season.