



Special Olympics
Unified Champion
Schools®

U.S. Youth Ambassador Program

Position Title: *U.S. Youth Ambassador*

Department: *Unified Champion Schools*

Overview

Special Olympics UCS is looking for a new class of youth leaders to join the U.S. Youth Ambassador team! 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 (September 2021 – August 2023) in a role focused on training, engagement and activation at the national level (all across the US!).

Duties and Responsibilities

U.S. Youth Ambassadors will engage in three main 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 (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 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 share your thoughts and feedback, report out on subcommittee work, and talk about what’s happening in your state!
- 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)

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!