



Dear Special Olympics Lions Club International Opening Eyes Program Illinois Volunteer,

As a previous SOLCIOE Illinois Volunteer, I wanted to personally request your help this year at the Special Olympics Illinois State Summer Games. The event is always well-received by the athletes, their families and coaches; and it is a great way to “get the word out” about the benefits of annual eye care.

June of 2023 marked the twentieth year that optometry was represented at the SOILL State Summer Games in Normal. The vision assessment was held for a day and a half and 227 athletes were screened in that short time. 133 pieces of eyewear were prescribed, (everyday Rx & sport goggles). The event was a great success for both the athletes who participated and the volunteers who made it run so smoothly!

We need your help again this year! It would be wonderful to have even more volunteers this year, since we are expecting even more athletes to make it through our event. Of particular need are volunteers for Saturday, since it is a full day of screening. As always, your families and friends are welcome to participate, and we need help from opticians and optical technicians. Make it an office and/or family event!

Special Olympics is an international year-round program offering sports and athletic competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Athletes must be at least eight years old to participate. The goal of the Special Olympics Lions Club International Opening Eyes Program is to bring quality vision care to this special population. Our assessment consists of visual acuity testing, cover test, extraocular motility testing, pupils, color vision, stereopsis, non-contact tonometry, slit lamp evaluation, and ophthalmoscopy. If the athlete is determined to need glasses, they are given a full refraction with subjective testing.

Event Details: Illinois State Campus Bloomington/Normal, IL

Friday, June 7, 2024 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Saturday, June 8, 2024 9:00am – 4:00pm

Please help us make this year’s SOOE program as successful as past years! Once you have signed up, you will receive more information as the event draws nearer.

To participate, **please fill out this form and return by May 24 (mail or e-mail) to callison@ico.edu** Additionally, Special Olympics has an online volunteer system. If possible, please **ALSO** register online via this link <https://soill.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/stateoe> . If you have any questions with this system, please contact Taylor Combs at tcombs@soill.org.

Thank you!

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NAME of VOLUNTEER(S): _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ I am available to help on June 7

_____ I am available to help on June 8

_____ I can help on both days!