

Global Messenger Application

**Special
Olympics
Connecticut**



APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN NEW GLOBAL MESSENGER TRAINING

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ATHLETE NAME

LOCAL PROGRAM:

Name (First – Last):

Date of birth: ____/____/____

Gender _____ Male _____
Female

Phone: ()

Street:

Mobile:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

E-Mail:

Home:

PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name

Street (if different than above):

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Phone Home:

Work:

Mobile:

E-Mail

SPEECH COACH (IF DIFFERENT THAN PARENT OR GUARDIAN ABOVE)

Name:

Phone:

E-Mail

SPEECH PARTNER (IF INTERESTED IN UNIFIED GLOBAL MESSENGERS)

Name

Street:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Phone Home:

Work:

Mobile:

E-Mail

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GLOBAL MESSENGER

Description: Global Messengers are athlete ambassadors who foster awareness and advocacy for the Special Olympics movement. Athletes must complete a training program in communications, speech writing and presentations along with their local speech coach. Global Messengers are called upon to give presentations about their involvement with Special Olympics to various groups throughout the state with the goal of increasing awareness about the program. Interested athletes must have an identified person who is willing to volunteer as their Speech Coach, attend trainings and assist with preparation of speeches as needed.

Responsibilities:

Participate in a minimum of two Global Messenger training sessions in 2015 (dates available on www.soct.org)
Present a minimum of two speeches (or attend two events)
Meet with Speech Coach for speech preparation and practice at least once a month
Assist with arrangement of speaking engagements and travel arrangements
Respond to Global Messenger requests from SOCT in a timely manner
Attend scheduled speeches and appearances and represent SOCT in a professional manner

Qualifications:

Commitment to and enthusiasm for the mission and philosophy of Special Olympics
Athlete must participate in at least one SOCT sport annually
Willingness to attend training and commit to practicing public speaking to improve skills
Ability to travel
Time to prepare and practice presentations
Access to email
Speech Coach must have ability to work with Special Olympics athletes and be a registered Class A Volunteer

UNIFIED GLOBAL MESSENGER TEAM

Description: A Unified Global Messenger Team consists of one Special Olympics athlete and one Unified Partner. They work together as a team to prepare and speak about Special Olympics Connecticut, informing the public about the mission, philosophy, and benefits of participation in our year-round sports program.

Responsibilities:

Participate in a minimum of two advanced Global Messenger training sessions in 2015 (dates available on www.soct.org)
Present a minimum of two speeches (or attend two events) as a Unified Global Messenger team
Work as a team to prepare for each presentation with a focus on sharing the perspective of both the athlete and partner
Partner agrees to assist with speech preparation and practice, arrangement of speaking engagements, and travel arrangements
Respond to Unified Global Messenger requests in a timely manner
Attend scheduled speeches and appearances
Represent Special Olympics Connecticut in a professional manner

Qualifications:

Commitment to and enthusiasm for the mission and philosophy of Special Olympics
Athlete must participate in at least one Special Olympics Connecticut sport annually; Partner must be a registered Class A volunteer
Willingness to attend training and commit to practicing public speaking to improve skills
Ability to travel
Time to prepare and practice presentations
Access to email

Signature of Athlete

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian of Minor Athlete

Date

Signature of Local Coordinator

Date