

Special Olympics NY Volunteer Application

State Winter Games * Rochester, NY * February 23rd - 25th, 2018



Founded and built by volunteers, Special Olympics NY is an example of the impact that volunteers can make in their community by putting their time and expertise to use to socially benefit others. We have 3 categories of volunteers for our State Games:

Service Volunteers: An individual or group who is willing to commit and dedicate their day to the athletes and willing to do the job needed of them. These jobs can include, but are not limited to: set up, athlete escorts, stagers, timers, scorekeeping and etc. **Volunteers must be at least 13 years of age;** those 13 through 15 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Service volunteers, please do not bring young children to your assignment.

Volunteer to Cheer: An individual or group that would like the volunteer role of our cheering section for our athletes ~ Fans in the stands! This is a very important role, as many athletes travel far and do not always have the opportunity for their families to attend and cheer them on. Fan stations are made available at most events for you to make a sign or banner to add to the fun! Social volunteers can be **ANY AGE**.

Social Ambassador: An individual or group that are social media enthusiasts. We are looking for individuals who can capture the moment(s) and publish to Twitter, Instagram and/or Facebook using **#SONYstates | #Rochester | #SpecialOlympicsNY**

Instructions:

- ❖ To Volunteer to Cheer, please only complete page 1 and check off the complete box at the end of the page.
- ❖ For Service Volunteer or Social Ambassador opportunities please continue to page 2 and complete.
- ❖ You can also register online at <http://specialolympics-ny.org/winter-games/>

Contact Info: Must be completed entirely and neatly to ensure communication from us, unreadable applications will not be accepted.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Street Address: _____

City, ST, ZIP Code: _____ County: _____

Company/School/ Organization: _____ Day Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: this MUST be included to be considered: _____

Have you volunteered with Special Olympics NY before? Yes No

How Did You Find Out About This Event?

___ Newspaper

___ Radio

___ Special Olympics NY Website

___ Social Media

___ Company/School/Organization

___ Other: _____

Availability: During which hours are you available for volunteer assignments? Please see page 2 for an outline of opportunities.

FRIDAY, February 23rd _____ AM and/or _____ PM * Venue Preference: _____

SATURDAY, February 24th _____ AM and/or _____ PM * Venue Preference: _____

I am complete with page 1 and would like to Volunteer to Cheer.

If you would like to apply as a group check here & SONY staff will contact you.

Service Volunteer Job Opportunities

Please recognize that by submitting your application, you are committing to volunteer for the duration of the event(s) you selected. If you are unable to commit to the entire time slot, please do not register for that event.

Friday, February 23, 2018

Location: Riverside Convention Center

- ❖ Set Up – Floor Hockey: 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM
* Requires heavy lifting
- ❖ Set Up – Olympic Village 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- ❖ Delegation Check in: 12:30 PM – 5:00 PM
- ❖ Volunteer registration: 4 PM – 9 PM
- ❖ Olympic Village: 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM
- ❖ Social Ambassador 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM
- ❖ Opening Ceremonies: 7:00PM – 9:30 PM

Saturday, February 24, 2018

- ❖ Olympic Village: 8:30 AM – 2 PM
Riverside Convention Center
- ❖ Floater: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM, ALL Venues
- ❖ Fan & Breakdown: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, ALL Venues
- ❖ Social Ambassador: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, ALL Venues
- ❖ Floor Hockey: Full day, Riverside Convention Center
- ❖ Figure Skating: Half day, Genesee Valley Sports Complex
- ❖ Cross Country Skiing: Full day Bristol Mountain Ski Resort
- ❖ Snowshoe: Full day, Cobbs Hill Park
- ❖ Alpine Skiing: Full day, Swain Resort
* Experienced Alpine Skiers needed
- ❖ Closing Ceremonies: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Riverside Convention Center

Times listed are tentative. Please be patient and flexible as this is a true sports competition and factors (weather, transportation, etc.) may impact the schedule of events.

Service Volunteer & Social Ambassador

Complete this portion only if you have an interest in being a Service Volunteer or Social Ambassador.

1. Tell us why you are interested in volunteering as a Service Volunteer or Social Ambassador-

2. Special Skills or Qualifications - Summarize special skills and qualifications you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports.

3. Previous Volunteer Experience – Please elaborate on your previous volunteer experience.

Signature

Thank you for completing this application and for your interest in volunteering with us. Your Service Volunteer application is under consideration and you will be notified of your volunteer assignment the first week of February. Go ahead and reserve the date on your calendar as ALL volunteer applications will be accepted. **Please note, all service volunteer positions are on a first come first serve basis. Once the service volunteer positions have been filled, all other registrants will be Fans in the Stands!**

Questions??? Contact Us at Volunteer@nyso.org

To apply please return this form to:
Special Olympics NY State Winter Games Volunteers, 504 Balltown Road,
Schenectady, NY 12304-2290 or Fax it to: (518) 992-4806.