



2026 SPECIAL OLYMPICS USA GAMES  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Youth Leadership Experience  
Unified Pair Application**

The County Coordinator or educator, by completing this form on the Unified Pair's behalf, will ensure the accuracy of all information, will communicate information to the Athlete & Partner, and has read the *Team Indiana Handbook*. All applications can be sent to Katie Hilt at [khilt@soindiana.org](mailto:khilt@soindiana.org).

APPLICANT INFORMATION *(Please Print Legibly)*

County Program: \_\_\_\_\_

ATHLETE First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Female Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PARTNER First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Female Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

ATHLETE & PARTNER SELECTION CRITERIA

To be eligible for selection to the Team Indiana delegation for the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must be involved in SOIN local county program or UCS program.
- Must be nominated by your County Coordinator or UCS educator
- Must be a Class A volunteer with SO Indiana (Unified partner).
- Must be in good standing with SO Indiana.
- Read, sign, and submit the *Code of Conduct* form.
- Complete, sign, and submit all required registration forms, medical forms, and other forms as needed.
- Must have the ability to function and be away from home for ten days or more.
- Must possess the skills to be able to function as a part of the delegation (e.g. cooperation, sharing, group living, following directions, basic social skills, good behavior, etc.).
- Must be able to travel long distance and stand for long periods of time on a daily basis (excludes applicants in wheelchairs, but still require the stamina for such activities).
- Must be able to lift 25 pounds.
- Must agree to refrain from the use of alcohol and tobacco products during training camps and USA Games.
- Must participate in all training camps and attend all portions of those camps.
- Must participate in all Team Indiana promotional and fundraising events.
- Must agree to the Team Indiana finance arrangement (as outlined in the *Team Indiana Handbook*).
- For Youth Leadership Experience, must be between 15 – 20 years of age at the time of the Games

By signing below we acknowledge that:

Selection to Team Indiana for the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games is an honor and a privilege. With this privilege comes responsibility. We promise to meet all selection criteria, to complete all required forms and support the Team Indiana delegation as outlined in the *Team Indiana Handbook*. If the Athlete and/or Partner should prove unworthy of this honor due to not meeting the selection criteria, we understand that SO Indiana has the authority to release this pair from Team Indiana.

Signature of County Coordinator or UCS educator

Date

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