

# FILM PROJECT

## Athlete Leadership



### **SPECIAL OLYMPICS' VISION**

Our vision is that sport will open hearts and minds towards people with intellectual disabilities and create inclusive communities all over the world. Within Indiana schools, sport will unite students from diverse backgrounds, create lasting friendships, and provide a safe environment for all to achieve maximum potential.

### **ABOUT SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETE LEADERSHIP**

Athlete leadership provides training and support for athletes who desire to expand their participation in Special Olympics both on and off the competition field. Through athlete leadership programming, athletes receive training and have opportunities to hold positions of leadership and influence. In these roles, athletes help determine policy and set direction for Special Olympics. Ultimately, athlete leadership helps to create a "culture of welcome" throughout the organization as athletes are welcomed into their new leadership roles and serve alongside other volunteers.

### **ABOUT THE ATHLETE LEADERSHIP FILM PROJECT**

Stories educate. Stories inspire. Stories unite. As a means to share powerful stories with the community, Special Olympics Indiana is hosting an ATHLETE LEADERSHIP FILM PROJECT. Special Olympics Indiana invites athletes to submit films that tell impactful stories of what Special Olympics means to their friends and to their community.

The filmmaker of the winning and runner-up selections will receive scholarship awards for their County Program. The winning selection will be unveiled at the Special Olympics Indiana Summer Games during the Opening Ceremonies, in front of an audience of 5000, on Friday, June 7, 2019. The film will play a prominent role in the ceremonies as Special Olympics Indiana celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

To submit a film, please review the details below.

### **FILM DESCRIPTION**

- Story telling the transformative power of Special Olympics.
- Nonfiction or fictional film.
- Dramatic or comedic narratives.
- Animated or live-action.
- Under 10 minutes in length.
- Non-English films must be subtitled in English. If using subtitles, make sure subtitles are "Title Safe".

### **RULES FOR THE FILMMAKER**

- The filmmaker must be a current Special Olympics athlete.
- The filmmaker may seek a mentor. However, the mentor may provide advice, equipment, and technology only. The mentor may not participate in the filming or editing process.
- If selected, the filmmaker will be invited to attend the Special Olympics Indiana Summer Games Opening Ceremonies (Friday, June 7, 2019) for the film's official premiere.

### **RULES FOR SUBMISSION**

- The film must be submitted by Friday, April 26, 2019.
- The film must be submitted to a functional streaming video application, such as YouTube, in high definition 720p or 1080p. If the link is password-protected, the password is mandatory.
- The filmmaker must provide a written description of the story. No more than 500 words.
- One digital headshot of the filmmaker and each cast member featured in the story.
- Biography of 50 words or less for the filmmaker and each cast member.
- All music, images, titles, footage, and other copyrighted material used must be properly licensed.
- With submission, the filmmaker is giving Special Olympics Indiana permission to use the film for promotional and educational purposes and the right to submit the film in film festivals. Awards at film festivals are the property of the filmmaker.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

- The film must feature a person with an intellectual disability in a prominent role, whether filmmaker or cast member or both.
- The film will be selected based upon the story's ability to educate and inspire.
- Depending upon the number of entries, films may be reviewed in shorter segments during the first round of the selection process. In subsequent rounds, films will be reviewed in their entirety.
- The selection committee will be comprised of Special Olympics representatives, including athlete leaders, and invited guest reviewers from outside the organization.

### **AWARDS**

- Thanks to a generous donation, the following awards will be presented to the County Program of the athlete filmmaker. Awards will be used to defray costs in attending Summer Games.
- The County Program of the winning filmmaker will receive \$1000.
- The County Program of the runner-up filmmaker will receive a \$500.

### **Special Olympics Indiana**

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