

# Welcome to Special Olympics Pennsylvania

THANK YOU for deciding to volunteer for Special Olympics Pennsylvania. While it is the athletes who are the heart of our program, it is the volunteers who are the lifeblood. By giving your time, you make it possible for over 27,000 athletes in Pennsylvania to participate in Special Olympics. Thank you for taking your place in the Special Olympics family.



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## VOLUNTEER CLASSIFICATIONS

Special Olympics Pennsylvania classifies its volunteers by the level of participation. **Please read these "classifications" to determine your level and complete the application as appropriate.**

**CLASS A** - Volunteers who are or may be in immediate contact with athletes such as coaches, Unified partners, chaperones, drivers, and overnight hosts, as well as volunteers with administrative (management team members, etc.) and fiscal authority. These volunteers will have a Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check conducted upon volunteering in this category. Please discuss with your program's manager.

*Those CLASS A volunteers who are 17 years of age or younger must complete a "17 & Under Disclosure" form.*

*Those CLASS A volunteers who are not Pennsylvania residents must complete a "Non-PA Resident Disclosure" form.*

**CLASS B** - Volunteers with casual or limited contact with athletes such as sub-committee members, officials, event management team members, etc., qualify as Class B volunteers.

**CLASS C** - Single event and one day volunteers.

## ORIENTATION AND TRAINING

It is the responsibility of each county/area program to provide all volunteers with written or verbal information or instructions describing the general responsibilities of a Special Olympics volunteer and policies relative to their position and individual behavior. **The "Special Olympics Pennsylvania Code of Conduct" is to be reviewed and understood by all volunteers.**

It is the responsibility of each county/area program to provide Class A volunteers with additional orientation and training, part of which will be face to face.