

ATHLETE Interest Form

SOWI – Athlete Input Council (AIC)

Special Olympics Wisconsin is seeking new members to the Statewide Athlete Input Council (AIC). Please review the contract on page 4, consider the commitment, then complete and return to: SOWI, 2310 Crossroads Drive Suite 1000, Madison WI, 53718

(There are position openings in all Regions)

Agency Name & Number _____

Application Information:

1. **Applicant name:** _____

Address: _____
Street City Zip Code

Telephone: (____) _____ E-mail* _____

*Email communication is expected for all AIC members. If you do not have access to email, please explain. _____

2. ALPs Training and Experience

Has applicant attended any ALPs workshops?

Governance: No _____ Yes _____ If yes, date _____

Leadership: No _____ Yes _____ If yes, date _____

Global Messenger: No _____ Yes _____ If yes, date _____

Athletes as Coaches: No _____ Yes _____ If yes, date _____

Other: _____ If yes, date _____

Has applicant ever served on an Athlete Input Council? _____

If yes, where/when: _____

List any other Special Olympics Committees on which you have served:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Date Served</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

3. **Parent/Guardian name:** _____

Address: _____
Street City Zip Code

Telephone: (____) _____ (home) (____) _____ (work)

E-mail: _____

4. Age of applicant: _____

5. Can applicant travel independently? _____ yes _____ no
6. Does applicant have transportation to meetings? _____ yes _____ no
Please explain: _____
7. Biographical sketch of applicant
Number of years in Special Olympics: _____
- Has applicant attended World Games: _____ yes _____ no year(s) _____
- Sports: _____

- Job/Outside Hobbies: _____

- Other ALPs roles or trainings: _____

8. Speaking Experience
- _____ leading the Special Olympics Oath
- _____ speaking at committee or group meetings
- _____ being a member of a self-advocacy organization
- _____ being a spokesperson for Special Olympics (i.e., giving formal presentations at conferences, being interviewed by the media, being in a PSA or video, etc.)
9. Does applicant have a current Special Olympics Medical form on file? _____ yes _____ no
10. What is the reading level of applicant? _____
11. Does the applicant require any disability-related accommodations, such as written materials in an alternate format, sign-language interpreter, wheelchair accessibility, etc.? _____ yes _____ no
If yes, please describe: _____

Please complete the following:

Why are you interested in becoming a Member of the Special Olympic Wisconsin Athlete Input Council?

What do you understand to be the purpose of the Athlete Input Council?

What skills, knowledge and experiences can you bring to the Athlete Input Council?

Do you have the time to be a member of the Athlete Input Council?

Serving on the SOWI Athlete Input Council is a significant commitment. The AIC meets twice a year at both the Indoor Sports Tournament in Oshkosh and the Outdoor Sports Tournament in Eau Claire and has two conference calls in the February, June and a holiday gathering and meeting in November in Lake Mills. AIC members are required to come to the meetings adequately prepared to discuss important issues. This requires reading and understanding AIC materials.

**Special Olympics Wisconsin – Athlete Council (SOWI-AIC)
Member Contract**

“The Mission of the SOWI Athlete Input Council is to work together to support SOWI athletes, coaches, family, friends, volunteers, and staff by gathering information, ideas and opinions of SOWI athletes and sharing that information with SOWI by putting it in writing so that we all understand and communicating to all involved in SOWI.”

I _____ have read and understand that I will abide by the following rules of conduct as a member of SOWI-AIC.

I will attend all regular scheduled meetings of the council. I promise I will call another council member or the state office in Madison if there is an emergency and I am not able to attend. I understand it is my responsibility to call another council member after the meeting to learn what I missed.

I understand that I am responsible for my own transportation to and from the meeting and extra activities.

If I don't attend four of the five meetings/calls a year, I understand a letter will be sent to me from the facilitator/staff followed by a private meeting to discuss my member status. (Typical meeting schedule: February and June conference calls, Face-to-Face meetings at the April Indoor Sports Tournament in Oshkosh, August Outdoor Sports Tournament in Eau Claire, and November holiday gathering in Lake Mills.)

I will be an active participant in events and activities requested of council members to help support Special Olympics Wisconsin.

The SOWI-AIC agreed to the following etiquette:

1. Stick to topic
2. Don't spread rumors
3. Use common sense
4. Respect everyone's ideas
5. Finish your work
6. Do your work
7. If you're not sure, ask questions
8. Be prepared
9. Use words athletes understand
10. Have eye contact – who should you be looking at? Each other.
11. Be respectful
12. Be a good leader
13. Be on time/prompt
14. Do your fair share
15. Have fun
16. Use appropriate language
17. Help other council members when needed
18. Set a positive example at all SOWI functions
19. Confidentiality – on topics that are not to be shared outside the AIC

(Athlete Council Member Name)

(Date signed)