



State Youth Activation Committee (YAC) Member

Purpose:

To educate, motivate, and activate youth around the state in an effort to develop school communities where all young people are agents of change, fostering respect, dignity and advocacy for people with intellectual disabilities by utilizing the programs and initiatives of Special Olympics and Project UNIFY (PU). State YAC members will contribute valuable leadership skills and input to the state program by developing, engaging in and promoting inclusive activities, events, and sports competitions in their local schools and communities.

Responsibilities:

- Submit all required forms by deadlines set by Special Olympics Wyoming staff
- Attend and actively participate in Youth Leadership/Global Messenger Trainings
- Attend/Participate in at least 70% of all YAC Meetings
 - 6 of 9 meetings per year
 - Most meetings will be conference call/webinars
 - 2 in-person meetings per year (Leadership Conference and Summer Games)
- Read all meeting materials distributed from fellow YAC members and SO Wyoming staff
- Communicate and work directly with YAC partner, and SO Wyoming staff to prepare for all global messenger speeches, presentations, and other engagements as requested by SO Wyoming staff, school, and/or community groups
- Attend speeches and appearances as scheduled and on time
- Communicate and work directly with fellow YAC members on assigned subcommittee projects and participate in quarterly goal development and review
- Active participation in PU initiatives (ex: Leadership Conference, Youth Summits, local PU events)

Qualifications:

- Must be between the ages of 12 and 22
- Commitment to the mission of SO Wyoming and Project UNIFY
- Active participation in Special Olympics Wyoming
- Ability to travel throughout state and/or the U.S. for Special Olympics major events, i.e. (Youth Summit/National Games)
- Sufficient verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to work with subcommittee members during and outside of school hours to plan and organize YAC/PU related projects and initiatives
- Ability to work with other youth committee members, coaches and SO Wyoming staff as a full functioning team
- Must have access to email for online communication and resource sharing

It is encouraged that Unified pairs from schools (student with a disability and a student without a disability) apply for the Youth Activation Committee

**Time
Requirements:**

- Serve a minimum of two school years
- Approximately 2-5 hours per week
- One Saturday/Sunday in 9 months (Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov) for approximately 1-3 hours for State YAC meeting
- Occasional weekends for service at SO Wyoming State/Area competitions/events

Supervisor:

- Director of Youth and School Initiatives at SO Wyoming

**Training
Provided:**

- Youth Leadership/Global Messenger Training
- Project UNIFY Workshop(s)
- Youth Summits

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