

Special Olympics Iowa – West Central (SOIA-WC) Scholarship Program

The purpose of the Special Olympics Iowa – West Central scholarship is to provide delegations and area programs with assistance in providing, enhancing, or beginning a program of sports training and competition. The scholarship should be viewed as a last option to cover expenses when other fundraising avenues have been exhausted and there are not enough funds to cover expenses, for unexpected expenses, or for unanticipated opportunities to grow or expand programs. The application can be found on the [Participation Forms](#) page of soiowa.org.

As the committee evaluates the budget each year, all area games expenses will have first priority. In addition, 2 years of reserves will be set aside to cover any unexpected expenses or loss of income before the committee determines whether there are any excess funds in the treasury which could be used for scholarships or for other opportunities to help delegations during the coming year. Opportunities for scholarships would be divided into 2 6-month periods. The first time period is from January 1 thru June 30, while the second period is from July 1 thru December 31. Scholarship requests may be submitted for expenses which would occur during the appropriate time period. As a general rule, SOIA-WC will not fund more than 50% (up to \$500) of the total budget of any delegation for which scholarship funding is requested. The dollars requested will be considered only after state scholarship funds have been requested and approved or disapproved. While the expense may be included in the overall program budget submitted with your scholarship request, funds will not be approved to pay meals, coach stipends, or salaries.

Special Olympics Iowa – West Central area will use the Special Olympics Iowa scholarship application found [HERE](#). Please submit your request to: registerwestcentral@gmail.com