



Board Application Form

Candidate Information

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Employer/Position SitusAMC – AVP Strategic Initiatives

Education William Penn University – BA Business Administration and Management

Previous experience (if any) with Special Olympics Iowa, (or another SO organization), or working with individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Lifelong advocate of Special Olympics, as a coach and student mentor through middle school and high school and 5+ year committee member of annual gala fundraising event. 23-year-old nephew with Down syndrome.

Please indicate area of candidate expertise that matches needs of Special Olympics Iowa. Consideration to geographic location, diversity and gender will be made.

- 1 Athlete
- 2 Healthcare Professional
- 3 Attorney
- 4 Human Resources Professional
- 5 Marketing Professional
- 6 Finance
- 7 Other – Previous employee (Development Manager) of other 501C3 organization (JDRF)

Affiliations or organizations the candidate belongs to (e.g., membership, professional, civic, nonprofit).

Waukee School District Boundary Committee Member
SOI Tailgate for Teammates Committee Member
Active member of Lutheran Church of Hope – Hospitality Volunteer/Ambassador/Greeter

Please attach a resume, CV and/or cover letter.

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Please accept this letter and resume as an expression of my interest in joining Special Olympics Iowa, as a Board Member. With a lifelong passion and advocacy for Special Olympics and like programs, along with the skills and competences I have gained through my professional career, I am ready to be involved with the board and more intimately engaged with the organization.

This desire stems from my experiences dating back to middle school, where I first became a junior coach with Special Olympics through school sponsored programs. This passion continued through high school, where I continued to coach, became a Unified Sports participant, and was elected to be a coach in the Valley High School "Peopel PE" program (Physical Education Opportunity for People with Exceptional Learning). It was then, in high school, that my nephew Brian was born with Down Syndrome, which further drove my aspiration to be and stay involved with Special Olympics.

It is my belief that often the best board members and volunteers are those whose lives have been directly impacted and have a real connection to those touched by the organization's programs and support. It is also my belief that an effective board is one that is well rounded, whose board member's backgrounds and expertise stem from a variety of different places and whose motivations are from both doer and/or fundraising attributes.

My passions are rooted in being both a hands-on volunteer, such as my tenure with the Tailgate for Teammates committee suggests, as well being an ardent fundraiser. I'm very interested in acquiring more and more advocates of Special Olympics and excited to support the already stellar staff.

To the Special Olympics board, I offer passion, enthusiasm, and a true understanding of the great impacts the organization makes to hundreds of individuals and families around the state of Iowa and beyond. I thank you in advance for any consideration given to my joining the board and eagerly await any additional questions I can provide and/or decisions made.

Warmest Regards,

Matt Decklever