



**Special  
Olympics  
Virginia**



## Do you want to send your athletes to Summer Games for free?

**Healthy Athlete Services will be provided on June 11, 2016 at the University of Richmond Robins Center**

Special Olympics Virginia will provide scholarships for athletes to attend the 2016 Summer Games free of registration fees to specifically attend the Healthy Athlete Initiatives. For every two athletes we will provide a scholarship for one wellness coach. Now is the time to recruit a volunteer or more to help bring athletes to Summer Games for the Wellness Center. There is a sign-up sheet in the Summer Games Registration packet. Athletes and Wellness coaches signed up for this program will get a Healthy Habit Gift pack, and will be invited to a special Healthy Athlete reception prior to Opening Ceremony.

**Do you have athletes that could use a free pair of glasses?**



**When was the last time your athletes had their teeth cleaned professionally?**



**Have athletes that could use a fitness evaluation and receive expert advice on strength and flexibility exercises to improve their health and well-being?**



**What??? Sorry I couldn't hear you. Have you heard that from an athlete recently. Free Hearing checks from experts in communication disorders.**

## Healthy Athlete FAQ's

- **Who is eligible for the Healthy Athlete Scholarships?**

Any athlete with a valid medical on file with Special Olympics Virginia is eligible to attend Healthy Athletes under a scholarship.

- **How do I register athletes for the Healthy Athlete Scholarships?**

Registration for this program will come out with the Summer Games registration packet. You may also speak with your Area Coordinator, Region Director or Dave Pawlowski.

- **My athlete(s) already have doctors.**

Even if athletes have health care at home, they may have a secondary look by professionals who are trained to work with patients with special needs. And our Healthy Athletes Initiative helps to train doctors to work with patients with special needs; so it is a win win for everyone! Besides, who doesn't need a free pair of eyeglasses or an additional teeth cleaning?

- **Tell me more about the role of the chaperone.**

The Wellness Chaperone may be a coach or chaperone in your area who is not attending Summer Games or may be a parent, family member or guardian of the athlete. All chaperones must be a or become a Class A volunteer in order to come and stay with your delegation. The role of this chaperone will be to stay with the athlete in Healthy Athletes. The Wellness Chaperone may not have any additional chaperone duties.

- **What time does Healthy Athletes start?**

Healthy Athletes starts at 10:00 am on Saturday morning of Summer Games. You should be through all the Healthy Athlete Initiatives by 2:00 and then should feel free to head to Olympic Town and enjoy some games.

- **I have an athlete who cannot stay overnight, can they come for they day only?**

Yes, especially for those within a reasonable driving distance.

- **Can my athlete compete as well?**

Unfortunately, no; that's why this is a great option for athletes who wanted to attend Summer Games but may not have gotten chosen to attend for a competition.

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