



**Special
Olympics
Virginia**



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

Healthy Athlete Services will be provided on **June 9, 2018** at the **University of Richmond Robins Center**

Special Olympics Virginia will provide scholarships for athletes to attend the 2018 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.**

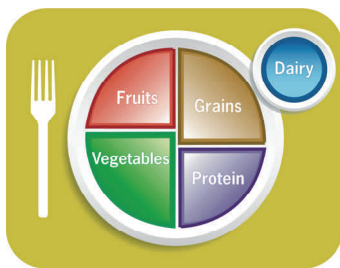
Do you have athletes that could use a free pair of glasses?



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



Free Nutrition, Hydration and Blood Pressure advice at our Health Promotion event.



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



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

If you have any questions you may contact: David Pawlowski, dpawlowski@specialolympicsva.org, 804-726-3034

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 is available and included 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.

- **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 or have not been able to go away from home for the entire weekend in the past.

- **This sounds like a great program, can I do anything to help?**

Identify athletes in your program that want to attend and let your Area leadership know about them. Get them registered for this program. Additionally, spread the word in your area about the need for chaperones for these athletes. For every two athletes, SOVA will pay for one Wellness chaperone to attend Summer Games.