



## State Youth Activation Committee (YAC) Member

**Purpose:** A group of youth with and without intellectual disabilities work with the state Special Olympics program to develop strategies and organize events to build school communities where all young people are agents of change. Promote leadership in schools by advocating for Special Olympics and the acceptance of all students.

### Qualifications:

- Must be enrolled in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade for the academic school year
- Passion for the mission of Special Olympics Utah
- Ability to work with committee members, leaders, SOUT staff and coaches
- Must have access to phone and email for online communication
- Sufficient verbal and written communication skills
- Social media experience a bonus

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

### Time Requirements:

- Serve a minimum of two school years. Seniors may serve one year
- Committee will be active mid-August to mid-June
- Approximately 2 - 5 hours per week
- Occasional weekends for service at YAC or SOUT competitions or events

### Responsibilities:

- Submit online application by deadline set by SOUT
- Provide two recommendations upon time of application submission
- Attend YAC Bootcamp (one Saturday in September) – **mandatory\***
- Attend and volunteer with the YAC at Summer Games (June) – **mandatory\***
- Actively participate in YAC conference calls (Monthly)
- Promote Unified Champion Schools on social media outlets
- Participate in SOUT youth leadership opportunities (i.e. speeches, presentations, activities, events etc.)

- Participate in or help to recruit individuals to play Unified Sports
- Coordinate school activities to promote inclusion (i.e. Spread the Word to End the Word campaign, fundraising, Unified Championship Schools, etc.)
- Participate in one SOUT fundraising event (i.e. jump with the YAC Polar Plunge team, volunteer for a Harmons Rootbeer Float shift)

**\*those living far distances may be excused if necessary**