



What is a **YOUTH INNOVATION GRANT**?

Innovation Grants are project-based grants of \$500, 1000, \$1500 or \$2000 USD awarded to Youth Leaders with and without intellectual disabilities (ID) to promote inclusion in their school or community.

In 2018, Special Olympics launched the Youth Innovation Project initiative. Supported by global leaders in philanthropy, the initiative brings financial resources and technical support to the grassroots, directly empowering young people to engage their peers and community in creating inclusion. Through this initiative, Special Olympics Youth Leaders with and without intellectual disabilities come together to design, plan and implement their own visions for inclusion in their schools and communities, leveraging the tools of Special Olympics and the mentorship of adult allies.

Goal:
To empower the Unified Generation to lead



Eligibility:

- Youth Leaders between ages 14-25 with or without intellectual disabilities (ID)
- Project idea expands on inclusion within their school or community

Project Types:

- Advocacy/Community Engagement
- Arts and Creativity
- Family Engagement
- Health and Fitness
- Unified Schools
- Unified Sports
- Women Empowerment

Duration:
6 Months or 9 Months

Funding Amounts:
\$500, \$1000, \$1500, or \$2000 USD