

What Accreditation Offers



Special Olympics aims to be the most impactful and reputable movement for people with intellectual disabilities. Accreditation helps our organization pursue the goal of inclusion and respect for athletes with intellectual disabilities locally and around the world.

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Membership in the Movement. Special Olympics is changing the world. Accredited Programs have a chance to be part of a historic, life-changing movement.

A Strong Identity. Special Olympics is the best-known organization in the world promoting inclusion and respect for people with intellectual disabilities. Our name and logo are respected by the UN, governments, companies, sports federations, scholars, celebrities, media outlets and others around the world.

Games. Our World and Regional Games are among the biggest sports events anywhere. Thousands of athletes compete in dozens of world-class venues in front of hundreds of thousands of fans. Our Games, along with local events every day worldwide, show the skills of our athletes. They show courage and joy. They show how inclusive sports change lives and attitudes.

A Seat at the Table. Join the conversation. Let your voice inform our global message. Stay connected to the hot issues. Get help with your local efforts.

Resources at Your Fingertips. Free tools help you succeed. Access tools for coaching, sports, branding, schools and health. Access custom games software and standard apps through our Microsoft sponsorship. Our staff offer technical support in programming, governance, marketing, fundraising, IT and more.

Leadership Training and Networking. Be part of a network of experienced executives from around the world who lead Special Olympics. Join leadership training supported by American Express, Gartner/CEB and Goldman Sachs. Your leaders will grow and learn from global experts.

The Inside Track on Funding. We pursue grants and sponsorships on a global level. Apply for grants in health, youth and school engagement, and sports. Small and developing accredited Programs can also get Christmas Record Grants that share proceeds from sales of *A Very Special Christmas* albums.

Investments Benefitting Accredited Programs

(US Dollars in Millions)

In 2016, Special Olympics International invested **US\$68.8 Million** in support and programming benefitting the work of accredited Special Olympics Programs. Programs support this effort by contributing accreditation fees, totaling US\$3.7 Million in 2016.

