



TITLE: Athlete Leadership Program Mentor

GOAL/IMPACT

In order for athlete leaders to prepare for and undertake meaningful positions of influence and leadership on and off the playing field, it is imperative that they have a partner in their quest to become the best athlete leader they can be. That partner is a mentor. For our prospective and newly recruited athlete leaders, a mentor opens the door to new horizons for that athlete that neither s/he the mentor nor family may have ever imagined.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Moves between helper, speech coach, facilitator, advisor, confidant, teacher and friend as needed
- Works one-on-one during each course and monitors follow up tasks
- Commits to a partnership in making the ALPs experiences as meaningful as possible
- Is an advocate at all times
- Ensures athlete knows about training opportunities inside and outside Special Olympics

TRAINING & SUPPORT

- Mentors will take the Gallup Strengths Finder to learn about their strengths right alongside the athletes
- The class facilitators will support you as you work with your athlete during class

COMMITMENT

- Mentors will commit to the duration of the ALP program typically 5 weeks
- Mentors and athletes are encouraged to keep in touch to after the class to follow the athlete's journey

QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS & REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum age 18 years old with a government issued ID (driver's license, military ID or passport)
- Experience working with individuals with intellectual disabilities preferred but not required
- Excellent organization skills and initiative
- Ability to set and meet deadlines
- Commitment to the mission and philosophy of SONE

BENEFITS

- Direct interaction and impact on SONE athletes
- Develop a strong bond with an individual athlete
- Experience enthusiasm, joy, and personal achievement alongside our athletes