



## **How to Get Started**

- 1. Fill out the online "school registration form" found at <a href="www.somi.org/schools/">www.somi.org/schools/</a> (you may have already done this)
- 2. Meet with staff
- 3. Submit a budget Page 5 of this document
- 4. Once budget is accepted, an agreement will be sent: sign agreement and return
- 5. Get going! Keep us updated on your program's events. We love to receive pictures, videos, and other updates about what your group is up to. We also enjoy attending events!

# Adult/Coach/Chaperone Paperwork Needed for STATE EVENTS

- -Volunteer A Form available online submission
- -General Orientation Online guiz
- -Protective Behaviors Online quiz
- -Concussion Training: Coaches only, but good for anyone involved

All links and forms can be found by going to <a href="www.somi.org">www.somi.org</a> and clicking on "Coaches' Corner" under the "Sports" tab. Each requirement can be found under Step 2.

\*All coaches must get certified in the sport(s) they plan on coaching. Coaches' Corner and regional pages have information regarding upcoming in-person training sessions.

# **Athlete Paperwork Needed for STATE EVENTS**

- -Athlete SOMI Medical Form online submission, physician page for doctor's appointment
- -Parent SOMI Consent Form online submission

# **Partner Paperwork**

- -Unified Partner Form/Volunteer A form available online submission
- -General Orientation: Not required, but a great resource for students to learn about Special Olympics
- -Protective Behaviors: Not required

Both the Athlete Participation form and the Volunteer A/Unified Partner Form can be found by going to <a href="www.somi.org">www.somi.org</a> and clicking on "Unified Champion Schools" under the "Programs" tab. Scroll down to Unified Champion Schools Resources. The forms are under the "Resources" heading.

Thank you for becoming a Unified Champion School!





## **Unified Sports**

Special Olympics Michigan offers 24 sports as part of our program. To receive funding to fulfill the Unified Sports component, we ask that your students participate in one of the following sports opportunities: Alpine Skiing, Aquatics, Athletics (Track & Field), Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Cross-Country Skiing, Cycling, Figure Skating, Flag Football, Golf, Gymnastics (Artistic & Rhythmic), Horseshoes, Kayaking, Powerlifting, Snowboarding, Snowshoeing, Soccer, Softball, Speed Skating, Volleyball, Weightlifting. Most of these sports have a unified component to them. If your group is interested in a sport other than those listed, please contact us for approval.

Funding can go towards uniforms, equipment, registration fees, transportation, and housing associated with Unified Sports events. For your convenience, we have set up accounts with Palos Sports who will bill us directly. Their website is <a href="www.palossports.com">www.palossports.com</a>. This does not limit you to only using them, though.

## Shirts/Uniforms

Our grant funding allows for <u>ONE</u> t-shirt per student, per year. <u>T-shirts may not include logos other</u> than <u>Special Olympics and all shirt designs must be approved before ordering</u>. Without preapproval, you or your school will be responsible for the cost of the shirts. T-shirts and uniforms can be purchased through the following companies:

Will Enterprises, Kevin Ullrich 800-442-2039	Create My Tee, Laura Lioy 888-392-9631	Grasel Graphics, Joe Ricard 989-652-5151
kevin@willenterprises.biz	laura@createmytee.com	joericard52@gmail.com
www.willpromo.com	www.createmytee.com	www.graselgraphics.com

You may use a different company for purchasing shirts as long as they have a comparable price in the \$5-6 range per shirt and our logo appears somewhere on the shirt. If you choose to use a company other than the above, items must be approved for logo, branding, and pricing before the order can be placed.





# **Additional Information**

1. Visit www.somi.org

Click on "Unified Champion Schools" under "Programs" tab

This is where you will find information regarding:

- Monthly reporting requirements
- Yearly fillable budget form
- Ordering r-word supplies
- Logo files and their usage on clothing
- Youth forms
- Reimbursement vouchers
- Videos
- and more!
- 2. Visit www.somi.org

Hover over the "Events" tab to see state level:

- Tournaments
- Fundraisers
- Other events
- 3. Tell your friends! We are always looking for new schools to introduce the program into.
- 4. Visit <u>www.generationunified.org</u> for playbooks, ideas, and videos.





## **Contact Information**

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# To reach out to your local area:

- Visit www.somi.org
- On the right side, click on your region (region/area map included in folder)
- Click on your area at the top of the page

# **Social Media**

Facebook: SOMI Unified Champion Schools or Special Olympics Michigan

Twitter: @SpOlympicsMI Instagram: @SpOlympicsMI YouTube: @SoMichigan Snapchat: @SpOlympicsMI

# UCS Budget Request Form 2021-2022 Itemized list / plan for the Youth Activation Committee (YAC) YAC \$\$ 2 3 4 5 6 TOTAL expenditure on YAC \$0.00 Unified Sport \$\$ Itemized list / plan for UNIFIED SPORTS this school year 20-21 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 **TOTAL** expenditure on Unified Sports \$0.00 Itemized list/plan for the school-wide AWARENESS campaign Awareness \$\$ 1 2 3 4 5 6 **TOTAL** expenditure on Awareness \$0.00 **TOTAL Budget Amount Submitted for Approval: TOTAL** \$0.00 \*\*\$200 max for food. We do not fund field trips or technology purchases\*\* "X" the SOMI STATE Unified Sport Events in which you intend to participate: X State Unified Basketball State Unified Bocce State Unified Volleyball State Unified Athletics/Track State Unified Bowling **SOCIAL MEDIA ADDRESS: SUBMITTED BY: SCHOOL ROLE: SCHOOL NAME: EMAIL ADDRESS: CONTACT PHONE:**

RETURN TO SCHOOL FORMAT:(x) \_\_\_\_\_ Virtual \_\_\_\_ Hybryd \_