

## **Volunteer to Support EMS ISD TrailBlazers**

Without the dedication of thousands of volunteers, our athletes would not be able to compete to their fullest abilities or experience the joys that come from participating in Special Olympics Texas. Anyone can volunteer; each person brings their own unique talents and contributions. From coaching to serving refreshments, each volunteer makes a difference. This is a life changing experience for our volunteers. Volunteering just one hour of your time each week will pay you back in a multitude of ways, many of which are priceless. You can also earn service hours for your school organizations.

Student volunteers under the age of 18 MUST fill out <u>Unified Partners Volunteer form</u> on our <u>website</u> and return it to Emily Kasper at <u>ekasper@ems-isd.net</u>.

Staff and Community over the age of 18 must complete a <u>Volunteer Application</u>. Once completed and approved by Special Olympics, volunteers may help and support with practices and competitions. As a volunteer, you will not have to renew your application for another 3 years. You will need to complete the steps 1, 2, 4, and 5 on the <u>Special Olympics</u> <u>Volunteering Website</u>.

STEP 1 Orientation

STEP 2 Protective Behaviors

STEP 3 Concussion Training

(skip step 3 unless you would like to coach)

Step 4 – You will receive a link to complete a background check from Sterling Volunteers after completing steps 1 and 2.

Step 5 - Final Confirmation and Final Waiver

Once Special Olympics clears you on your background check, you will receive an email from Sterling Volunteers congratulating you. Please forward that email to Emily Kasper at <a href="mailto:ekasper@ems-isd.net">ekasper@ems-isd.net</a>. At this point, you will be added as a volunteer. Protective Behaviors and General Orientation must be renewed every 3 years. Background check must be renewed every 4 years.

EMS ISD TrailBlazer Athletes thank you!

For additional information or questions, please contact Emily Kasper at <a href="mailto:ekasper@ems-isd.net">ekasper@ems-isd.net</a>.

