

YOU CAN BE PART OF OUR ATHLETE LEADERSHIP UNIVERSITY!

Have you ever thought about serving on a committee for your team or for Special Olympics Rhode Island as an Athlete Representative? Or perhaps you've imagined giving a speech as an Athlete Spokesperson, or advocating for our Healthy Athletes program as a Health Messenger?

If any of these roles excite you, we invite you to join our next Athlete Leadership University! Classes begin this September.

Athletes will need a mentor to support them through the Athlete Leadership University. Mentors can be coaches, team volunteers, friends, or family members, and they play a crucial role in assisting athletes throughout the classes. If you need help finding a mentor, please work with your coach to identify someone who can assist you.

To ensure a personalized experience, classes will be offered twice, with no more than 30 participants (15 athletes and 15 mentors) per class. Classes are held at Special Olympics Rhode Island office, 370 George Washington Highway, Smithfield, RI.

Before applying to Athlete Leadership University, you must complete the basic courses listed below. You must also have an up-to-date Athlete Medical Form, Release Form and participate in at least 1 sport through Special Olympics Rhode Island. After finishing these courses, you can decide if you want to continue. If you do, the application process for Athlete Leadership University will begin at the end of October.

Starting With The Basics

Introduction to Athlete Leadership

Tuesday, September 10 & Saturday, September 14

Understanding Leadership

Tuesday, October 1 & Saturday, October 5

Unified Leadership

Tuesday, October 22 & Saturday, October 26

**All Tuesday courses will be held at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday classes will take place at 10:30 a.m. All classes are held at Special Olympics Rhode Island office in Smithfield, RI. Each class will be no longer than 2 and a half hours, including breaks.

To register for the basic courses, please click here, complete the form, and submit it by 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 26th.

