



Athlete Employment Project

Fact Sheet

What is the Athlete Employment Project?

- The Athlete Employment Project is a project in which Special Olympics Arizona helps mentor & educate athletes on different work place behaviors the first step of this process is to fill out the Athlete Interest Form and return it to Bruce Clarke, so we identify the skills and abilities the athletes have. Once Interest Form is collected the athlete will be consulted & educated on proper workplace behaviors. Once the athlete finds employment they will be mentored for the first 3 months of their employment.

What are the benefits of the Athlete Employment Program?

- The benefits of this program are that companies can hire our Special Olympic athletes. Research has shown that people with Intellectual Disabilities make some of the most loyal/hardworking employees. That means that they provide a lower employee turnover rate because they are loyal employees who tend to stay with a job for a longer period of time. Also, this program provides companies the opportunities to watch our athletes grow on the job as well as a person through their time of employment. Companies that hire people with Intellectual Disabilities tend to have a more loyal customer base and will have an influential impact in helping open the door for more companies to hire these hard working individuals.

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