

The 2026 Special Olympics USA Games

The 2026 USA Games represent a platform for inclusivity both ON and OFF the field in Minnesota.

ON the Field



The Games will take place **June 20-26, 2026**, at world-class venues located at the **University of Minnesota** and the **National Sports Center**.

3,000+ athletes from all 50 states

16 Olympic-type team and individual sports

10,000+ volunteers

1,500 coaches

75,000 fans

OFF the Field

Health & Wellness

Addressing challenges with access to health service



Youth Inclusion

Inclusion as a focus at the earliest ages possible



Athlete Employment

Moving the inclusivity of sport to the workforce



Minnesota leading the way in unifying the workplace

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We are seeking \$500k to host a Unified Work Summit at the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games to increase gainful employment of the ID community in our state.



Challenges to Gainful Employment

Did you know only 18.5% of people with ID are employed to the level of their ability?



Supporting the Mission, Off the Field

We aim to help move the inclusivity of sport to the workplace as part of the legacy of the 2026 USA Games.



Unified Work at the 2026 Games

Over 3,000 athletes will have the opportunity to gain helpful resume building and interviewing skills.



Our Goal

Empowering both athletes and Minnesota companies by providing tools and support to increase gainful employment of the ID community in our state.



Making a Difference

Minnesota funding will help us take actions that will reset the trajectory of inclusive employment.

