



“Let no one sit on the sidelines”

Athlete Ambassador Program 2016 - 2017 Application

Thank you for your interest in volunteering as an Arizona Disabled Sports (AzDS) Athlete Ambassador. The Athlete Ambassador Program has been created to give both recreational and competitive athletes an opportunity to deliver the organization’s mission, reaching out to individuals with physical and visual disabilities in the Valley and sharing their personal story on how AzDS has been an impact on their lives.

Mission: The Athlete Ambassador Program’s mission is to raise awareness of Arizona Disabled Sports among the community as well as build interpersonal skills within the athletes. By serving as an Ambassador and promoting AzDS around the Valley at special events, fundraisers, and seasonal programs, this program will shape future leaders and build long-term advocates for Arizona Disabled Sports.

Expectations: The Athlete Ambassadors are to serve as positive role models and to encourage resiliency in others looking to succeed in all aspects of life. Simultaneously, athletes are to deliver optimistic messages about goal setting, perseverance and promote values such as teamwork, respect, and discipline.

Ambassadors may put on a sports demonstration or lead a clinic during the SportsFest, speak to local students at an assembly, assist with an opening ceremony during a special event, and represent AzDS at community outings and fundraisers with our sponsors, etc.

Benefits: Arizona Disabled Sports Athlete Ambassadors Program will receive apparel, potential discounts on special events or program registrant fees, leadership training, public speaking instruction, and a voice to be heard to advance the organization.

Benefits are dependent upon individual’s commitment.

Commitment: The Athlete Ambassador Program meets the third Wednesday of the month at 4:30pm for training sessions as well as planning for upcoming special events and programs. The meetings are held at the Broadway Recreation Center located at 59 E. Broadway Road in Mesa. The time and location of the meetings are subject to change based on the Ambassador’s mutual agreement.

The future obligations of the Athlete Ambassador Program will vary from month to month and will be distributed between the group based on availability.

It is the goal of the organization to train the ambassadors and preserve their involvement of the program for a minimum of one year.

Application Process: New Athlete Ambassadors are welcomed on an ongoing basis. Once your application is submitted, it will be reviewed by the Executive Committee which will consist of the current Board President, Executive Director, and Program Supervisor. You will receive an email regarding the status of your application and once you are welcomed as part of the Athlete Ambassador Program, you will be asked to join the next meeting.

For more information, please contact Nina Bernardo at nina@arizonadisabledsports.com or 480.835.6273.

TODAY'S DATE: ___/___/___

BASIC INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Disability: _____ Involved with AzDS for: _____ years _____ months

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Do you text? Yes No Preferred Method of Contact: Home # Work # Cell # Email

Size Shirt: Yth Med Yth Lg Adult Sm Adult Med Adult Lg Adult XL Adult 2XL Adult 3XL

Adults -

Employer: _____

Are you an active duty service member? Service Branch: _____

Are you a military Veteran? Service Branch: _____

Youth -

School: _____ Grade: _____

A LITTLE MORE ABOUT YOU (attach additional pages if necessary)

Why do you want to be an Arizona Disabled Sports' Athlete Ambassador?

How did you first become involved with adapted sports?

Describe your current sports and recreation involvement?

What impact does sports and recreation have on your life?

How has Arizona Disabled Sports benefitted you as an athlete and an individual?

What special qualities or skills would you bring to the role of an Athlete Ambassador?

What would you most like to do or achieve in your role as an Athlete Ambassador?

Imagine you are having a conversation at an event with a potential athlete. What would you do or say to encourage him/her to come out to Arizona Disabled Sport's program and/or take steps toward leading a healthy and active lifestyle?

If you were speaking to a potential sponsor or donor, what story would you share with him/her that you feel might influence them to contribute to Arizona Disabled Sports and support our athletes and programs?

What story might you share with a group of 5th grade students to illustrate/highlight the abilities and successes of athletes with disabilities?