

***Special
Olympics
New York***



**Opening Ceremonies
Volunteer Information**

Date: Friday, June 5th

Time: 7:15pm-9:30pm

Volunteer Check-In Location: Utica University, Strebel Student Center

Opening Ceremonies Location: Utica University, Gaetano Stadium

If it rains, Opening Ceremonies will be held inside Utica University, Clark Center. Volunteers will be notified if location changes.

Address:

1600 Burrstone Road

Utica, NY 13502

Map: Please see “Utica University Volunteer Map”

Parking: Park in Lot C. If that is full, park in any lot.

Check-In: Head into Strebel Student Center and go downstairs. Check in at the volunteer registration table.

If you pre-registered online, give your name and show your ID to be checked in. If you have not been able to pre-register, be prepared to fill out volunteer paperwork and show your ID.

Please take a Special Olympics NY credential and write your name on it. This is used to identify each of the volunteers.

Training: After you check in and have your credential, head to Gaetano Stadium. Training is on-site.

Description: Let the Games Begin! Assist in lining up athletes before they proceed to their assigned areas at Opening Ceremony. Other roles include being a greeter, usher, or various other needs as they arise to ensure the event runs smoothly. Please stay to help with breakdown. When the ceremonies conclude, we will meet at the stage. We will collect signage and the cauldron and load onto our UHaul.

Qualifications: Please have a can-do, flexible attitude with ability to be on your feet for stretches of time.

Thank you for being a part of the 2026 Summer Games volunteer team!