

# Joseph Coffelt

*Special  
Olympics  
Illinois*



**Sport: Swimming**  
**Hometown: Hometown, IL**  
**Age: 26**

**1. How long have you been with Special Olympics?**

I have been participating in Special Olympics for 10 years. I like swimming, snowshoeing, basketball, and softball.

**2. How has Special Olympics changed your life?**

I have learned how to be a good teammate and work together in sports. I enjoy competition and trying to do my best.

**3. What has been your biggest obstacle to overcome?**

It's hard to wait sometimes and I have had to learn to wait for my turn.

**4. What makes you most proud?**

I feel good when I get a medal after I try really hard.

**5. What are some other accomplishments you are proud of?**

I have lots of medals and ribbons from competitions I have worked hard in.

**6. What other interests or hobbies do you have?**

I like to play video games and ride my bike. I like to go camping and swimming.

**7. Who do you admire most and why?**

I like Tom Brady. He used to play with the New England Patriots football team.

**8. What does attending USA Games mean to you?**

I am very excited to go to Florida and compete in swimming. I can swim a lot of laps.



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**9. How are you preparing/training for USA Games?**

I am eating healthy foods, working out, and swimming almost every day in preparation for the USA Games in Florida.

**10. Have you been to a World Games or USA Games before?**

This is my first time at USA games. I have not gone to World games.

**11. Are you employed? If so, where at and what's your role?**

I work at Culver's. I enjoy being part of the team, serving customers, and delivering orders to drive through people. I can clean tables too in the restaurant.

**12. Are you a currently a student? If so, where and is it a Unified Champion School?**

I am not in school at this time

