



**Sport: Athletics**  
**Hometown: O'Fallon, IL**  
**Age: 25**

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

I've been with Special Olympics for 12 years. I've done softball throw, track, bowling, and basketball. Sometimes I go to fundraisers that our police officers have so people can see our medals and know how their donation helps.

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

It made me be able to try things. My family and others get to cheer for me at me and my friends' sports.

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

I was scared of the start whistle at track, but I'm not anymore, I'm still shy but being my friend is just telling me I did a good job!

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

I'm proud of getting gold medals and helping my team.

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

My middle school teachers and cheerleading coach helped me learn the cheers by videotaping them, and I learned them by watching them over and over. I was a cheerleader for two years and knew all the cheers. I've gotten gold in some of the state sports I've competed in over the years

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

Before the COVID shutdowns, I volunteered a few hours a week at St. Elizabeth Hospital in O'Fallon, IL in the laundry dept. I made a lot of friends and they said I did a good job! I love the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team. My dad has taken me to four games this year. I like Christian music concerts, Jerseyville Panther High School football games, and the St. Louis Blues.

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

I most admire Jesus, my family, my church families, my coaches, Bible study neighbors, Harrison Bader, Newsboys, and Michael Tate. They are nice to the people they are around and have fun.



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

It's very great to get to go to USA track with all those athletes, I look forward to trying to win and be there for my team. I was so excited when I found out I got picked.

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

I will be walking and running more and doing my best to be a good athlete.

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

None

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

I'm not employed, but I do volunteer.

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

I'm not a student.

