Brandy Stowers

Sport: Athletics
Hometown: Pontiac, IL
Age: 26

1. How long have you been with Special Olympics?
I have participated in Special Olympics for six years. I have participated in athletics, basketball, and bowling.

2. How has Special Olympics changed your life?
I have learned to be a better teammate, to have good sportsmanship, and to never give up. I have learned to get goals and reach for the stars.

3. What has been your biggest obstacle to overcome?
My biggest accomplishment within Special Olympics is being part of Team Illinois for the USA games in 2022.

4. What makes you most proud?
My dream is coming true.

5. What are some other accomplishments you are proud of?
I participated on a gold medalist basketball team in 2018 and I got a few gold medals at state for bowling as well as athletics.

6. What other interests or hobbies do you have?
I enjoy playing video games, going on walks, doing word searches, listening to music, and watching movies.

7. Who do you admire most and why?
I admire Maryssa and JD, my coaches, because they always support me and push me to do my best.

8. What does attending USA Games mean to you?
Attending the 2022 USA Games means that my dream has come true and I am very proud of myself. I look forward to competing, meeting new people, and going to Florida.

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9. How are you preparing/training for USA Games?
I am preparing for the 2022 Special Olympics games by practicing with my coach every Tuesday and every Thursday, I am eating healthier, working on making better drink choices, and I ride my bike around for more exercise.

10. Have you been to a World Games or USA Games before?
I have not participated in the past.

11. Are you employed? If so, where at and what's your role?
I am employed at Accolade. I am a dietary aid.

12. Are you a currently a student? If so, where and is it a Unified Champion School?
I am not currently a student.