

Kyle Tuckey

**Special
Olympics**
Illinois



Sport: Gymnastics
Hometown: Palatine, IL
Age: 27

1. How long have you been with Special Olympics?

I started participating with track and field at around eight years old. I have participated in gymnastics, track and field, soccer, softball, basketball, golf, and snowshoeing. I am also a Global and Health Messenger.

2. How has Special Olympics changed your life?

Being part of Special Olympics has helped me in so many ways. I have met so many great people including teammates, coaches, officials, and other athletes. I have gotten to be part of opportunities through competing in Special Olympics that I am so lucky to be part of. Special Olympics has allowed me to make good friends, meet new people, and make good, healthy choices.

3. What has been your biggest obstacle to overcome?

Medical conditions (seizures) that have limited my participation of some sports

4. What makes you most proud?

I'm most proud to watch everyone be a good sport in practices and in games.

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

I was on high honor roll in high school, sang with the high school chorus in Italy, and sang the National Anthem at the Illinois State game. I'm a Global and Health Messenger for Special Olympics and got my job through Special Olympics at United Airlines.

6. What other interests or hobbies do you have?

I volunteer with local Emergency Management agencies. I enjoy riding my bike and hanging out with friends.

7. Who do you admire most and why?

My mom because she is willing to drive me to games and practices and keep my schedule organized.

8. What does attending USA Games mean to you?

It means that I have achieved a long-term goal (on my bucket list) to compete in this competition.



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

I have been practicing at a gym with my coaches and teammates for the past few months. I am learning and practicing my routine to be ready for the games.

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

I have not participated in any other USA or World Games.

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

Yes, I am a service ambassador at United Airlines in Chicago.

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

No, I am not a student now.

