



United States Olympic Committee
Paralympic Experience Vancouver
Student Application

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last name: _____ First: _____ DOB: _____ Gender: _____

To qualify for the program, students must be between the ages of 16-1; (as of March 11, 2010) and have one of the Paralympic-eligible physical disabilities listed below.

My Disability (please check all that apply):

- Amputee Blind/Visually Impaired Cerebral Palsy/Traumatic Brain Injury Dwarfism
 Spinal Cord Injury/Spina Bifida Les Autres

Wheelchair user: Y N

If yes, do you use a power chair? Y N

Can you transfer independently? Y N

Street address: _____

Mobile phone: _____

Home phone: _____

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P.O. Box: _____

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP Code: _____

Primary Email: _____

Secondary Email: _____

Fax: _____

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Passport Number: _____

Passport Expiration Date: _____

Departure Airport (airport you prefer to fly from): _____

Return Airport (if different from departure airport): _____

SPORT INFORMATION/PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Sport(s) in which I participate: _____

Name of Paralympic Sport Club or sport organization: _____

Describe your weekly training regiment and sport/competition goals for the upcoming season: _____

Major achievement in competition or coaching (i.e., national, international or regional championships or medals won): _____

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

All student applicants must attend a middle, junior high or high school in the fifty states, District of Columbia or the U.S. Territories. American citizens attending schools overseas are also eligible.

School:

Grade:

GPA:

School Location (city & state):

Please describe any school or community service activities or awards:

WRITTEN OR VIDEO ESSAY

All students must compose a written or video essay as part of the application process. Whether writing an essay or creating a video, your finished piece should answer the question, "How has sport positively impacted your life as a person with a physical disability?"

Videos may not be any longer than 1 ½ minutes and will only be accepted in .wmv, .avi or Quicktime formats. You must state your name at the beginning of the video for identification purposes. **Videos must be submitted via e-mail to paralympic.experience@usoc.org. Please attach your completed application to the same e-mail as your video.**

Written essays may be no more than 500 words and should be created in a Word document, if your application is being submitted via e-mail, or on separate paper, if your application is being submitted via mail or fax.

The essay or video should:

- Clearly define what sports you have participated in and how they have positively impacted your life.
- Express enthusiasm & passion for Paralympic sports.
- Convince the reader/viewer that sports has played a significant role in your life.

BE CREATIVE!

PARALYMPIC EXPERIENCE DETAILS

Paralympic Experience Vancouver will be held March 11 – 17, 2010 (tentative dates), during the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games. Selected students will receive an all expense-paid trip to Vancouver, including airfare, lodging, meals and event tickets. Students will be supervised and assisted by staff members selected by U.S. Paralympics, however students must be able to travel to independently and attend to all their own personal care needs. During the Paralympic Experience, participants will have the opportunity to view elite-level competition, meet Paralympic athletes and enjoy the excitement of the Paralympic Games.

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION VIA EMAIL, FAX OR REGULAR MAIL

MAIL (must be postmarked by December 1, 2009):

**United States Olympic Committee
Paralympic Division
Attn: Allison Trehwitt
1 Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909**

**Questions? Call or email Allison Trehwitt at
719-866-2085 or allison.trehwitt@usoc.org**

Additional applications are available for download at
www.usparalympics.org

FAX (must be received by December 1, 2009):

719-866-2029,
Attn: Allison Trehwitt

EMAIL (must be received by December 1, 2009):

allison.trehwitt@usoc.org

Applications must include:

- Your written essay or video***
- Your completed application**

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