

## MT Law Enforcement Torch Run<sup>®</sup> Athlete Ambassador Nomination Form

Please find attached an application for the Law Enforcement Torch Run<sup>®</sup> Athlete Ambassador. The Athlete Ambassador will serve a three-year term. We will select the Athlete Ambassador during the LETR Executive Committee meeting at our next LETR Executive meeting and the announcement of the new Athlete Ambassador will be made during the LETR Kick-Off Conference at Fairmont Hot Springs March 24-26, 2023.

The Athlete Ambassador will serve as the athlete representative to the Montana LETR Executive Committee and will be the voice of the Torch Run at media events. The nominated athlete must have **Leadership experience and complete Athlete Leadership training within their 1<sup>st</sup> year of their 3 year term.** The nominated athlete must also have the **support of a coach/mentor** to assist with conference calls, travel to LETR meetings and events and/or review of LETR materials. Please see the Athlete Ambassador Job Description for more details.

All Nominees will be asked to do a live interview with the Executive Committee during the nomination process. Please refer to the sample interview questions on the last page of this packet.

Each incoming athlete will serve a three-year term. Their term will consist of an introduction and training of LETR on the state level, representing SOMT athletes at LETR events in their region, attending the LETR International Conference for additional training and serving as the mentor for the first-year Athlete Ambassadors.

Please forward this to the local programs in your area. Athletes interested in the position must notify their Area Director. Nominations must be sent in by **Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**, to be considered. Each nominee can send in a video letting the Executive Committee know why they want to serve as an Athlete Ambassador. We will keep each nomination on file for 3 years. If the nominee has not been selected within that time frame, a new nomination form will need to be submitted.

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## Montana Law Enforcement Torch Run<sup>®</sup> Athlete Ambassador Job Description

### A. Election and Selection Criteria

Area Directors, coaches, law enforcement officers, and/or family members should nominate athletes that qualify and are interested in the position. Nominated athletes must have or be in the process of completing their Athlete Leadership Training **AND** they must have participated or been involved in Special Olympics and the Law Enforcement Torch Run<sup>®</sup> for at least five years. The winner will be announced at the annual LETR Kickoff Conference in March.

### B. Terms

The Athlete Ambassador will serve a 3-year term, beginning at the MT LETR Kickoff Conference.

### C. Athlete Responsibilities

To ensure that the athlete is prepared to take on this leadership role, the athlete must meet the following criteria. The athlete must:

- ❖ Be able to act as the athlete representative to the MT LETR.
- ❖ Be the “voice” of the MT LETR at media events.
- ❖ Be able to commit to a three-year term.
- ❖ Have Athlete Leadership training and experience.
- ❖ Have support of a coach/mentor to assist with conference calls or review of MT LETR materials
- ❖ Be willing and able to travel. Travel may include attendance at the annual LETR International Conference during their term.
- ❖ Be available to attend LETR meetings and conferences calls as well as the LETR Executive Committee meetings and conference calls. There are at least 2 Executive Committee meetings throughout each year.
- ❖ Be available to participate in the LETR Kickoff Conference in March each year.
- ❖ The third-year athlete must be able to mentor the incoming first-year athlete.

### D. Area Program Responsibilities

To ensure that the athlete nominated has adequate support and is aware of the commitment made when joining the MT LETR, the Area Program/Athlete Mentor must do the following prior to nominating an athlete:

- ❖ Adequately explain the role and time commitment expected.
- ❖ Identify support within the athlete’s home community to assist with conference calls or review of MT LETR materials.
- ❖ Be willing to assist with travel logistics and cost of travel to meetings for the athlete whenever reasonably feasible.
- ❖ Provide a mentor/coach to accompany the athlete to the annual LETR International Conference.

## **E. MT LETR Responsibilities**

To ensure that the athlete nominated will be prepared for his/her role, the following supports and requirements will be established. The MT LETR Director, Asst. Directors and Liaison must:

- ❖ Provide the athlete with an overview of the MT LETR's mission and goals.
- ❖ Provide an orientation for the athlete at the beginning of his/her term to provide an overview of the Law Enforcement Torch Run program.
- ❖ Promote the athlete to be a spokesperson on behalf of athletes during Executive Committee meetings and other Law Enforcement Torch Run functions.
- ❖ Assist in building leadership skills within the athlete.
- ❖ Invite the athlete to attend the annual LETR International Conference during their term.

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### ***Montana Torch Run Athlete Ambassador*** ***SAMPLE Interview Questions***

1. Have athlete give their name and what local Special Olympics team they are on?
2. Tell us a little about yourself.
3. What is your involvement with the Torch Run?
4. What is your involvement with Special Olympics?
5. Is there anything you would like the officers of the Torch Run Executive Committee to know about you?

**Montana Torch Run Athlete Ambassador  
Nomination Form**  
**All applications MUST be received  
by February 10th.**

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated By: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete Leadership Training completion date: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer the following questions:

If you need additional room for responses, please attach additional documents to their application.

Why are you nominating this athlete?

What qualities does this athlete have that would make them a good fit to serve as LETR Athlete Ambassador?

In what LETR events has this athlete participated?

What are some of the athlete's past achievements and awards?

*Attach supporting materials as desired*

*Please remember nominations will be judged on the materials submitted with your nomination*

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEB 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

If you have questions, please call Amy Bliss at (406)-315-4212