



Athlete Leadership Award Application Form - 2026

Purpose: An athlete leadership award has been sponsored by LETR VIC to recognise and celebrate the achievements for **outstanding leadership** within the community. There is an award for every year: 1st Year, 2nd Year and Athlete Leader Community (ALC).

What does it mean? Well, we celebrate you and congratulate you and you get a beautiful certificate in a frame and it is presented to you by a VIP at the Gala Ball.

Your Prize Will Include the Following:

- 1 Ticket to the Gala Ball totalling \$200.00
- 1 Nights Accommodation in a City Hotel totalling approximately \$200.00
- 1 x \$150 Westfield Voucher to spend on a Gala Ball outfit

How to apply for an Award

1. Complete this form and email it to LETR Jacqui Osterman at: jacqueline.osterman@police.vic.gov.au
2. You may submit your whole application in writing or provide a video. Everyone, must complete the highlighted yellow section below as a video introduction.
3. You need to also ensure you have Club or Mentor endorsement. Decide whether you would like Club or Mentor endorsement and send it to them.
4. If you are applying for the International Scholarship as well you need to complete the separate 2026 Athlete Leader International Scholarship information.

Applications Close On: Sunday 7th of June 2026

SECTION 1: YOUR INFORMATION (Complete this on this form)

Full Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Special Olympics Club:

Special Olympics or LETR Mentor:

Please tick correct option: 1st Year 2nd Year ALC

I am also applying for the International Scholarship (*only for ALC members*):

YES

NO

SECTION 2: YOUR BEST LEADERSHIP QUALITIES (must be in a video file)

Please answer the following questions.

Introduce yourself, including how long have you been a member of Special Olympics Vic?

Please share on video your three best leadership qualities and explain why they are your strongest ones.

1.

Explain why?

2.

Explain why?

3.

Explain why?

SECTION 3: DEMONSTRATING YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS (Can be video or written response)

You need to give 3 examples of your leadership skill/s in action.. Think about the roles and responsibilities you currently have within your community? (Some examples are- work/volunteering/contributing on committees/babysitting/coaching/studying etc they don't have to be directly related to Special Olympics or LETR)

Examples should demonstrate **one or more** of the following (unified leadership, growth in communication skills, building confidence, socialisation and networks, teamwork, independence). A summary is enough. ***Please attach further paper or supporting records to strengthen your application (for example, your Athlete Leadership profile, typed up feedback from others).***

Example 1: What leadership skill/s are being demonstrated:

Example 2: What leadership skill/s are being demonstrated:

Example 3: What leadership skill/s are being demonstrated:

SECTION 4: YOUR ATHLETE LEADERSHIP (Can be video or written response)

Being an athlete leader is a remarkable achievement. Why is this role important to you?

What is your goal as an athlete leader?

Why is 'Unified Leadership' important?

Please attach a letter of support from either your local Special Olympics Club or your mentor to confirm they acknowledge your application (see separate Word document – Athlete Leader Award Club/Mentor support endorsement).

Please limit your total application to 12 pages (this includes attachments)

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Send your Award Application to LETR Jacqui Osterman at: jacqueline.osterman@police.vic.gov.au by 5pm Sunday, 7th of June 2026.
- All applications will be reviewed and assessed by an Annual Awards Committee made up of SOV/LETR and an Independent Person with lived experience of Disability.
- The top 6 applicants will then be invited to attend a 10 minute interview with the committee above. You may have a support person present. Further details will be provided in regards to the time/date and location if you are successful. (Date TBC)
- The Annual Awards Committee will assess the interviews and applications and decide the three award winners for 2026.

Award winners will be notified on the 16th of August 2026.

Results will be published on internal and external media after the Gala Ball.

The best of luck to you all. Please ask your mentors/employers/family/friends/Club Volunteers for their support with this process.