

Class A Certification Process

Please follow the instructions below to complete your Class A certification process. If you have any questions throughout the process, please feel free to contact Emily Bridgman at ebridgman@specialolympicsva.org.

1. Class A form

Please complete [this form](#) (adults 18+) or [this form](#) (minors) and email it to volunteer@specialolympicsva.org

2. Protective Behaviors Training

Please register on [this site](#) and complete the Protective Behaviors training. No need to submit anything to us after your completion.

3. Concussion Awareness Training ****ONLY NECESSARY FOR COACHES**

Please complete [this training](#) and email the certificate of completion to volunteer@specialolympicsva.org.

4. Background Check

So what do you need to do now? Simply visit [Sterling Volunteers](#) to get started. After you register, it will ask you for a code (**un9a213**), which tells them that your check is being run for Special Olympics Virginia, and invoices us for your background check. **It also provides you with an opportunity to make a donation to cover the cost of your background check if you'd like.*

Once your background check results are complete, you will receive an email confirmation from Sterling Volunteers with your results. If further action is needed, they will notify us and we will be in contact with you.

HELPFUL TIP: **Any blank with a check box is optional (email address is optional but we use that to communicate with you regarding your volunteer status and answer questions, so we'd prefer to have one for you).*

SHOULD YOU EXPERIENCE ANY TECHNICAL ISSUES, STERLING VOLUNTEERS SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING:

Typically, we suggest the volunteers to use a desktop or a laptop computer with either Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox, since these browsers are more compatible with our website. For example, in cases of a blank page error, we advise them to switch from Google Chrome to Mozilla Firefox or vice versa and see if that will allow them to proceed. They may also try to clear their browser history, caches or cookies. If it still doesn't work, kindly advise them to give us a call at 855-326-1860 option 3 so that we can assist them further with your concern.