



SMALL CHAMPIONS, INC
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ELIGIBILITY

Small Champions provides programs for children and teens with special needs whose primary residence is in Eagle County. Minimum age to apply for Small Champions programs is 6 years old.

The following conditions may constitute a disability that qualifies for participation in Small Champions.

Cognitive Disabilities: a mental impairment that affects the ability to process information and/or coordinate and control the body, which limits the individual's ability to navigate the environment safely and independently. Examples may include Autism, Down syndrome, and TBIs – traumatic brain injuries that results in severe cognitive impairments. **Applicants are required to be in a Significant Support Needs program/classroom.**

Physical Disabilities: Any individual with a permanent physical disability that requires adaptive equipment or adaptive ski technique. Adaptive equipment may include mono skis, bi skis, dual skis, outriggers, ski clips, walkers and harnesses.

Amputations: any single or combination of hand, arm, foot or leg

Hearing Impairments: use of sign language or lip reading as primary form of communication. This program is not for individuals that have mild hearing loss. Children who qualify wear two hearing aids with a hearing loss of 35 decibels or more in both ears.

Visual Impairments: Legally blind (20/200) to totally blind. Physician diagnosis is required.

*One of the goals of Small Champions is to develop children to the point where they become more independent and can participate in group or individual activities without one on one supervision.

*Each Small Champion is required to submit an application for review annually. Determination of eligibility is based on their development.