



Dear [Insert Name]:

I am writing to ask for your help. I have committed to participating in the 2023 Staten Island Polar Plunge. I know – you're probably thinking why would I participate in the Plunge? I have committed to jumping in freezing cold water to help support the local Athletes of Special Olympics New York. The positive impact this event will have on the lives of thousands of athletes with intellectual disabilities will last a lifetime.

Some say I may be a little wacky by jumping into freezing water in the middle of winter but I am doing it for the more than 45,000 athletes and Unified Partners of Special Olympics New York, so they can continue to train and compete year-round, free-of-charge, in more than 5,000 competitive events throughout the state in 22 sports. I personally have seen the positive impact that Special Olympics has had on the lives of individuals with intellectual disability and hope that you will support me in my mission to support them.

I have set a personal fundraising goal of (enter goal amount). Please help me meet this goal with your tax deductible donation. Your donation will be put directly into growing programs to serve these individuals with intellectual disabilities and to help them find success in life through success on the field of sport.

To support me and my team, please make your check payable to "Special Olympics New York" and return it directly to Special Olympics New York, 211 E 43rd Street, Suite 1100, New York, NY 10017. Please put my name and/or my team name on the check so the staff at SONY will know to apply the donation to my Polar Plunge account.

Or, if you prefer online donations, visit [polarplungeny.org](http://polarplungeny.org), click the 2023 Staten Island Polar Plunge, click "Find a Participant," type in my name, which will take you to my personal fundraising page, and give you the option of making a donation online via credit or debit card. If you want to learn more about this wacky winter event, visit [www.specialolympicsNY.org](http://www.specialolympicsNY.org) to find out all the details. I will do my best to make my supporters proud!

Spectators are welcomed at the event, so make sure you mark your calendar and come support me on Sunday, December 3rd!

Thank you!!!

[Your Name]