



Special Olympics USA Delegate to the 2015 World Summer Games Los Angeles, CA - Jul 25- Aug 2



About **Michael Bottom**

World Games Sport: *Tennis*

Age: *21*

Hometown: *Hutchinson, Kansas*

Local Team: *Hutchinson Reno County Hawks*

Years in Special Olympics: *9*

Other Sports: *Bowling, track & field,
basketball, and volleyball*

Favorite Fun Facts

- ◆ **Color:** *Purple*
- ◆ **Movie:** *Stuart Little*
- ◆ **TV show:** *Sports*
- ◆ **Food:** *Pizza*
- ◆ **Music:** *Country*
- ◆ **Book:** *Harry Potter*
- ◆ **Sports Team:** *Royals & KC Chiefs*
- ◆ **Hobby:** *Playing and watching sports*

Accomplishments

Michael works as a host at Applebees in Hutchinson. In his spare time he volunteers with the Salvation Army helping to prepare meals, and with USD 308 supporting the High School football team.

Special Olympics has given Michael a way to stay active and to make friends. He loves doing sports, meeting new people and traveling. Special Olympics Kansas has given him the opportunity to do all of those things even though he has a disability.

Michael is most proud of graduating high school, having a job and staying active and healthy. His Special Olympics traits of determination and reliability are showcased by receiving Volunteer Recognition Awards from the Salvation Army; Applebees' awards for reliability and customer service; being selected as a featured employee through vocational rehab and receiving a Citizenship award in 8th grade.



"I am very excited to get the opportunity to compete at this level, to represent my team, my state and my country!"