

SOPHIA CURCIO

Statement of Interest

Team USA AC Representative for USA Climbing

I am excited to apply for the Team USA Athlete Commission Representative position with USA Climbing. As someone who is deeply passionate about the growth and development of sport, I am committed to serving as a connection between USA Climbing athletes and the USOPC. This role offers a meaningful opportunity to enhance athletes' confidence in the leadership supporting them, which I think is crucial in such a new and rapidly evolving Olympic sport.

Since I competed in my first international competition for USA Climbing in 2021, I knew I wanted to not only leave a mark on the sport with my performance, but also work to ensure that climbing continues to foster after I leave the sport myself. I care deeply about improving and growing the sport for the future generations of climbers that decide to compete for USA Climbing. Although I am a speed climbing specialist, I aim to provide myself as a resource for athletes from all disciplines to advocate for their diverse interests and needs.

Thank you for considering my application. I am eager to bring my dedication to this role and to contribute positively to the future of Sport Climbing.



Photo Credit: Dan Gajda

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OBJECTIVE

By serving as the Team USA AC Representative for USA Climbing, I hope to build stronger connections between the USOPC and my NGB. I also aim to advocate for athlete interests, enhance confidence in representation, and support athlete needs to advance the sport effectively leading up to the LA 2028 Olympic Games.

EDUCATION

B.A. Economics / Minor Chinese

University of Utah | Salt Lake City, UT

August 2024 - Current

High School Diploma

Laurel Springs School | Ojai, CA

August 2020 – May 2024

Graduated from the Laurel Springs School with a 3.98 Cumulative and 4.43 Weighted GPA.

SKILLS

- Hardworking and dedicated to both sport and education.
- Time Management
- Public Speaking
- Independent
- Critical Thinking
- Nine years of experience in climbing and three years of experience competing internationally for USAC on the Elite National Speed Team.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Over my youth and elite career with USA Climbing, I have volunteered at numerous events and competitions. I have also been involved with Southeastern Guide Dogs, a seeing-eye dog training program, from a young age.



Conflict-Of-Interest Questionnaire

The following questionnaire must be completed annually by all members of the board of directors of USA Climbing, all members of USA Climbing committees, task forces, working groups and hearing panel pools, all employees and officers of USA Climbing, and all members of the board of directors, and officers and employees, of the USA Climbing Foundation. Answers to this questionnaire should relate to relationships that occurred during the period beginning two years prior to the date of completion of this questionnaire. Once you have completed this questionnaire, please sign and date in the space provided and upload to your USA Climbing account.

Note that for purposes of this questionnaire, "family member" includes an individual's spouse, domestic partner, parent, child, and siblings as well as spouses of children and siblings.

1. Are you or a family member an officer or employee of an entity that conducts business or has a relationship, or is negotiating a relationship, with USAClimbing?

Yes No

If yes, please explain.

2. Do you have a family member who has relationship with USA Climbing, including as a competitive climber? You do *not* need to indicate that a family member serves as an uncompensated volunteer for USAC or USAC events except if such family member serves as a USAC board member or member of a USAC committee, task force, working group, or hearing panel pool.

Yes No

If yes, please explain.

3. Have you or a family member received, directly or indirectly, any compensation, investment opportunities, loans, or gifts of any kind or any free service, discounts, or other fees from any person/organization that has a relationship, or is negotiating a relationship, with USA Climbing? You do not need to disclose immaterial free items (such as promotional shirts or other logo items) or passes for events or services (such as climbing gym access passes) given to you or a family member as a volunteer as long as it is a common policy to compensate volunteers with such goods or services.

Yes No

If yes, please explain.

4. Do you or a family member own or share ownership of a business that has a relationship, or is negotiating a relationship, with USA Climbing? Ownership means voting power in a corporation, profits interest in a partnership, or beneficial interest in a trust.

Yes

No

If yes, please explain and indicate the percentage of ownership in the business.

Date: 11/27/2024

Print Name: Sophia Curcio

Signature: 

Role with USA Climbing (e.g., committee or task force on

which you serve): Athlete