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USADSF SEEKING REPORTERS FOR DEAFLYMPICS

Sioux Falls, SD: The USA Deaf Sports Federation is seeking deaf and hard of hearing reporters to cover the 2009 Deaflympics in Taipei, Taiwan, as part of USADSF’s media team. Selected writers will travel to Taiwan to report on the Games for USADSF’s newsletter and online news media outlets.

The ideal applicant will have some journalism experience, strong reporting and writing skills, and some knowledge of sports. However, we encourage people with little or no journalism and sports experience to apply. USADSF does not discriminate on the basis of signing ability, and is actively seeking to represent a diversity of communication preferences on its media team.

During the spring and summer of 2009, reporters will participate in online forums and chat rooms with the print media head editor and write two feature stories for USADSF’s Web site. They will work on location in Taipei from August 26 to September 15, 2009. During the Games, reporters will write one to three stories per day.

Reporters will work on a volunteer or intern basis, without pay. The Media Team will provide lodgings and meals in Taiwan and select Team USA apparel. Funding for travel and other necessary expenses will be determined at a later date. The USADSF will work with student reporters and their home universities to meet requirements for internship credit and make accommodations for missed classes.

Please e-mail your cover letter, resume with two references and two to four news and/or feature writing samples by January 30, 2009, to Chris Kaftan at kaftan@usdeafsports.org or Tara Schupner at schupner@usdeafsports.org.

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