



Ashton Smith

Gold Medalist in Swimming in the arena of the disabled

I've had the privilege of competing in the World Games, Dubai and in Seattle, at a National US Games. It is a unique honor and I am truly blessed to have accomplished that feat, which is especially amazing since I am a legally blind African-American female.



4X Gold Medalist Special Olympics

Ashton Smith did win Gold Medals in the Special Olympics for four times and dozens more in other competitions as a swimmer over several years. Ashton can hold up a handful of mainly Gold and Silver, with a couple of Bronze mixed in.



Author

*I just published a book called **Swimming UPSTREAM**. For the next 72 hours I am offering the ebook for only \$2.99. Please check out Amazon link below to purchase it.*



Motivational speaker

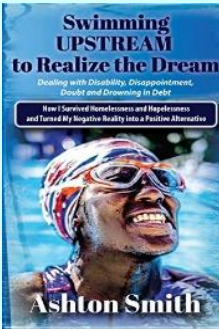
I host my "Keep Swimming With Ashton" show and join as guest in many other show and podcasts.

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My new book



Swimming UPSTREAM: How I Survived Homelessness and Hopelessness And Turned my Negative Reality into a Positive Alternative

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Many things stick out in my journey from hometown hero to homeless, world-class gold medalist despite having a limiting disability. My road to greatness started when I was nine years old. As a “Differently Abled” person, I found myself being left out of events, overlooked, and under picked. To say it caused inner trauma would be putting it mild. I learned to cope by escaping into swimming, which can be a team sport or an individual one. I found myself at the YMCA in Waxahachie almost daily. Once I discovered the water, I was naturally drawn to it. It’s a myth that Black people can’t swim. The truth is, there are not enough aquatic facilities in black communities. Once the staff at the Y saw I loved to swim, they encouraged, empowered, and enabled me to train and blossom into that youth capable enough to capture a spot on the Special Olympics team. Most people have an erroneous perception of that organization. There are varying levels of competitiveness involved, and one of the underlying reasons for their existence is to assist athletes that are disadvantaged for any number of reasons. My blindness afforded me the opportunity of competing as a swimmer for the organization. I would like to, moving forward, monetize my historic winning and completion from the Organization. The restrictions and limitations that are in place make it almost impossible for an athlete to capitalize on their brand while still a member of that organization. However, now that I have severed ties, my plan is to make sure that I have a podcast. My second hope is to get my book written, published, and promoted. I am seeing that happen right before my eyes (pun intended).

Sponsorship opportunities

- **Motivational speaker**

I host the “Keep Swimming With Ashton” show with different special guests. [Check out Youtube channel here.](#)

Guest speakers in other podcasts and Clubhouse rooms

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