

Aimee Mullins



Aimee Mullins is a remarkable example of how to turn adversity into opportunity. A record-breaker at the Paralympic Games in 1996, an accomplished model and actor and also a passionate advocate for women and sports- Aimee has done it all, while standing on a pair of prosthetic legs.

A native of Allentown, Pennsylvania, Aimee was born without fibular bones due to which both her legs were amputated below the knee

when she was an infant. Aimee learned to walk on prosthetics. A determined child, Aimee considered her inferior to none. Passionate about sports, Aimee surprised many when she opted for athletics as a sport to pursue.

Aimee spent much of her childhood like any other normal kid, doing activities such as swimming, biking, softball, soccer, and skiing. While in high school, she held the school record for stolen bases in softball. She was also chosen as one of three students in the U.S. to receive a full academic scholarship from the Department of Defense. At the age of 17, Aimee became the youngest person to hold a top-secret security clearance at the Pentagon, where she worked as an intelligence analyst during her summer breaks from Georgetown University.

Her hard work on the tracks paid off, when she became the first double amputee to compete in NCAA Division 1 track and field. She went on to compete at the national and international level as a champion sprinter, setting world records at the 1996 Paralympics in Atlanta.

Blessed with an attractive exterior and a toned body, Aimee decided to give modelling a stint in 1999 and ventured into acting in 2002. Some of her celebrity clients as a model included British fashion designer Alexander McQueen for whom she appeared in his London show, on a pair of hand-carved wooden prosthetic legs made from solid ash, with integral boots.

She was also a part of the '25 Years of Non-Uniform Thinking' Campaign by Kenneth Cole in 2009. Aimee also signed a contract to be a face of L'Oréal Paris and was appointed as a global L'Oréal Ambassador in February 2011.

Apart from being an athlete, model and an actor, Aimee is also an accomplished motivation speaker sharing her views on physical appearances, identity, design, and innovation. Aimee is also a member of several non-profit organizations, most notably the Women's Sports Foundation, which she later presided over as President from 2007 to 2009.

This shining star from the US has proved to millions like her that the only true disability is a crushed spirit!

