

Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) 2017



Application Form Deadline for postmark on mailed application: March 31, 2017

a. Personal Information

Student's last name:	First:	Middle:
Date of birth:	Age:	
Student's address:	City:	County:
State:	Zip Code:	
Student's mailing address, if different than above:	City:	County:
State:	Zip Code:	
Student's home phone number:	Student's e-mail address:	
Student's cell phone number:	Parent's email address:	
Parent's cell phone number:		

b. School Information

Name of high school:	Grade level on December 31, 2016:	
School address:	City:	
County:	State:	Zip Code:
School telephone number (include area code):	High school Intervention Specialist/Counselor's name:	
Intervention Specialist/Counselor's email address:		
Cumulative grade point average as it appears on your grade report:		

c. Disability Information

Disability (medical diagnosis):	
Age at or date of onset of your disability:	Are you a current OOD (BVR/BSVI) consumer? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, your BVR/BSVI counselor's name:	

d. List of School Classes

List the school classes in which you are currently enrolled:	

e. Extra-Curricular Below, please list your involvement with your school. This may include any offices you held, club memberships, after school activities. List the length of involvement, grade level you were in at the time of participation. (Use extra sheets if necessary.)

Name of Activity	Adult Contact	Date From	Date To	Grade Level

f. Community Activities Below, please list your involvement in your community. This may include any offices you held, club memberships, after school activities. List the length of involvement, grade level you were in at the time of participation. (Use extra sheets if necessary.)

Name of Activity	Adult Contact	Date From	Date To	Grade Level

g. Employment Experiences Below, please list your involvement with working. List the length of employment and grade level you were in at the time of participation. (Use extra sheets if necessary.)

h. Letters of Recommendation

Please attach two letters of recommendation which describe your demonstrated leadership skills or leadership potential. One letter must be from a high school representative and one must be from a community representative outside your school.

Below, list name, position/title, organization and telephone number of the two people who are writing the letters.

Name	Title
Organization or business	Telephone # (include area code)
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Organization or business	Telephone # (include area code)

i. Required Essays

Your answers to the following questions will be used to assess your readiness to participate in this leadership forum.

Note: If filling out by hand, write your responses on separate pieces of paper and attach to your completed application. Your total response to all four questions should not exceed four (4) typewritten double spaced or hand-printed pages.

1) Qualifications: Explain why you feel you are qualified to be a delegate to this forum and why you want to attend.

2) Positive Influences: In terms of leadership, tell us about two people who have positively influenced your life. How have they done so? (Family members, teachers, counselors, friends, public officials, or celebrities are appropriate examples.)

3) Experiences as a person with a disability: Describe two important experiences you have had as a person with a disability. These can be positive or negative experiences. (Please be specific about how your examples relate to your disability.)

4) Future Plans: Describe your plans for after high school graduation.

j. Diversity information

The following optional information is being requested to insure diversity of delegates at the forum:

1) Male Female

2) Describe your ethnicity/race (e.g., African American, Asian, Hispanic, Caucasian, etc.):

k. Checklist

Please use the checklist below to make certain your application packet is complete. All questions must be answered and requested letters and information provided.

Application (all questions answered)

Two letters of recommendation

Responses to four essay questions

Student's Signature

Date:

Thank you for completing this application. Please mail or email the completed application packet to the address below. If you have any questions, please contact:

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**We are inviting future community
leaders to attend our annual
Youth Leadership Forum (YLF)
For Students with Disabilities
Held in Columbus, Ohio
July 30- August 3, 2017**

- Forty plus (40+) high school juniors and seniors with disabilities will be selected to attend.
- No charge to selected student delegates (all expenses paid).
- Exciting, fun, educational five-day training program includes meeting with government officials, tour of the State Capitol, and exciting programs with community leaders and celebrities.

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**HOW STUDENT DELEGATES WILL BE SELECTED AND APPLICATION
INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS**

(Please keep pages 6 & 7 for your records; do not return them with your application)

1. To be eligible for the Youth Leadership Forum, students must:
 - (a) have a disability
 - (b) be in the 11th or 12th grade as of December 31, 2016**
 - (c) have demonstrated leadership potential in school and the community
 - (d) reside in Ohio
2. Student applicants must mail, email or fax the completed application packet **no later than March 31, 2017**. Applicants will receive an email confirming that their application materials were received. Please include an email contact if you have one.
3. Semi-finalists will be selected and contacted by telephone to arrange a personal interview. The interviews will be conducted by a selection committee. Interviews will take place in April/May of 2017 at sites throughout Ohio.
4. All applicants will be notified by letter whether they are selected to attend the forum. Letters will be mailed by the last week of May, 2017.
5. After being selected, students will be asked to fill out a confirmation form and provide additional information in order to attend the forum.
6. All appropriate expenses will be paid by the Youth Leadership Forum, including such expenses as lodging, food, interpreters for deaf students, and personal care attendants for students with physical disabilities. However, the Forum does not pay incidental expenses such as the cost of telephone calls. Students are asked to provide their own transportation to and from Columbus. If this is a problem, arrangements can be made for assistance.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Rules and Guidelines for Student Delegates of the Youth Leadership Forum (YLF)

In order to provide a fun, safe learning experience at the Leadership Forum, all delegates will be expected to follow the rules listed below.

Students are selected to attend this forum because of their leadership skills and potential. Consequently, students are expected to demonstrate their leadership ability and must abide by the following rules:

1. Be punctual with arrival times to the Youth Leadership Forum and all sessions/activities.
2. Be at designated places and stay with your assigned group at all times.
Attendance at all sessions is mandatory.
3. Maintain a respectful attitude toward peers, counselors and conference staff.
4. Respect the facilities (maintaining the condition of sleeping rooms and all other areas).
5. When not in assigned groups, males and females are restricted to their own assigned rooms at all times.
No coed visitation allowed.
6. Smoking and possession or use of illegal chemicals or alcohol is strictly prohibited.

Prescription or other approved medications require official verification and should only be dispensed under supervision by the medical staff.

7. POSSESSION OF WEAPONS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
8. It is recommended that ipods, electronic games, etc. not be brought to the forum.

Any violations of these rules will result in students being sent home immediately at parents'/guardians' expense. Illegal behavior such as possession of weapons will result in law enforcement authorities being contacted. Your application to the Youth Leadership Forum indicates your acceptance of these rules and guidelines.

We emphasize that delegates are chosen to attend the forum because of their leadership potential. Remember the responsibility that goes with the honor of being selected ... and plan to have a great time!

Additional information about the Youth Leadership Forum is available at www.ohioylf.com.