North Carolina Youth Leadership Forum

What is an YLF?

- Youth Leadership Forum is an event for youth between the ages 15-28 with a disability. This event is to support them in transition skills. This can include transitioning from high school out, college to work, or moving out of parents home, or any other transition phase that may be taking place. This week long opportunity is to encourage youth that are taking leadership in their own lives, whether community, or individually. This opportunity is aimed at empowering, skill strengthening, evolving current or future change agents, and allowing youth to experience independence while finding their own voice. Staying on a college campus on their own allows them to experience independence in a new way. Learning disability history will empower them to make change. Learning independent living skills throughout the week will strengthen skills. Allowing them to find their voice and become a change agent happens when they learn their leadership style; identify their own strengths, set goals and action steps to become leaders. Becoming a change agent happens when they look into their own community and make plans to affect change in their own community.

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- We are going to be located at North Carolina State University campus. We will stay in the dorms, eat in the dining halls, learn in the classrooms, and hang out in the lobby areas. We will all be college students for this week. This is for 20 youth only!

**Forum begins on Monday, July 14th, 2014 and ends on Friday, July 18th, 2014.** For a week we will learn disability history, leadership skills, goal setting, accessibility, accommodations, self-identification, self-reflection, self-advocacy, and become system change agents. This will all be taught by local and national youth speakers. We provide accommodations that are needed. We fund all cost, food, forum, rooms. You will have to bring linens, clothes, medicine, durable medical equipment, hygiene products, and any other items that are necessary. We look forward to seeing you apply now!!!
Process for applying

- Apply by **March 28**th, 2014
- Receive a selection packet or alternate letter
- If selected as a delegate:
  - Will receive agenda, item list, media release, emergency contact sheet, (if needed) medication form, and other needed forms
  - Will receive a “get ready for fun” phone call
  - Attend the YLF for 5 days
  - Have fun, make friends, learn
  - Depart, but not forget
  - Receive follow up phone calls for youth committee to receive information on your goals.
  - Possible future involvement in other youth events
- If selected as an alternate:
  - Contact YLF coordinator, Sierra Royster, for future goal setting to prepare you for future YLFs!

**Expected Guidelines**

- Openness to learn
- Respectful
- Share gained knowledge and experience to all
- **FUN**

**APPLY TODAY BECAUSE ALL WE ARE MISSING NOW IS YOU!!!**