

# North Dakota Youth Leadership Forum

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INVITING FUTURE COMMUNITY LEADERS TO ATTEND THE 1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM (YLF) FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

**July 27-31, 2009  
UND, Grand Forks, ND**

- \*Twenty high school juniors and seniors will be selected.
- \*All expenses paid for selected delegates.
- \*Exciting, fun, and educational five-day training program.

**Mail Completed Applications to:  
Freedom Resource Center  
Attn: Andrea Nelson  
300 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE Suite 203  
Jamestown, ND 58401**

## HOW STUDENT DELEGATES WILL BE SELECTED AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS.

1. To be eligible for the Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities, students must:
  - a. Be self identified as having a disability
  - b. Be in the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade as of December 31, 2008
  - c. Must have demonstrated leadership potential in school and community
  - d. Reside in North Dakota
2. Student applicants must mail the completed application packet no later than March 2, 2009.
3. Selected applicants will be notified by letter no later than April 1, 2009.
4. After being selected, students will be asked to fill out a confirmation form, and provide additional information.
5. All appropriate expenses will be paid by the Youth Leadership Forum including such expenses as travel, lodging, food, and interpreters for students who are deaf and personal assistants for students with physical disabilities.

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## Student Delegate Application

Please complete entire application.

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**1. Last Name** **First** **Middle**

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**2. Address** **City** **State** **Zip**

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**3. Male / Female**

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**4. Phone**

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**5. Name of High School**

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**6. Grade Level on 12/31/08**

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**7. E-Mail Address**

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**8. Birth Date**

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**9. School Name and High School Counselor**

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**10. School Phone Number**

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**11. Your Ethnicity** (optional)

**12. Please describe your disability.** This information will assist in assuring that we include delegates with a diversity of disabilities.

Disability (medical diagnosis) \_\_\_\_\_

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### 14. Information on Vocational Rehabilitation

If you are currently a client of Vocational Rehabilitation, please tell us your Counselor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**15. School and Community Involvement**

Below, please briefly list your involvement with your school and community. This may include any offices held, club memberships, after school activities or work experience.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Adult Contact</b>	<b>Dates Involved</b>	<b>Grade</b>

**16. Letters of Recommendation**

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

List name, position/title, organization and telephone number of your recommendations.

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**17. Required Essay**

Your answers to the following questions will be used to assess your readiness to participate in the Leadership Forum. Please write your responses on a separate sheet of paper and attach to your completed application packet. Your total response for all four of these topics should not exceed four (4) typed, double-spaced sheets. (Responses must be double-spaced and either typed or printed in black ink.)

A. Qualifications – explain why you feel you are qualified to be a delegate to this forum and please tell us why you want to attend.

B. Positive Influences – In terms of leadership, please tell us about two people who have positively influenced your life. How? (Families, teachers, counselors, friends, public officials, or celebrities are appropriate examples).

C. Experiences as a person with a disability – Describe two important experiences you have had as a person with a disability. (Please be specific about your examples as they relate to your disability.)

D. Future Plans – Describe any of your plans for after high school.

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

- a. Application form
- b. Two letters of recommendation
- c. Essay responding to four topics

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent or Guardian Signature

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Date