

YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (YLF)

July 14th – 17th, 2008

WHAT IS THE YLF?

A four day leadership training program for 11th and 12th grade high school students with disabilities. Many young people with disabilities now have more options and more challenges than at any other time in our nation's history. This forum is geared to prepare them to take advantage of the unprecedented opportunities and to fully develop as constructive, contributing members of our society.

WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM?

Young People Who Have Disabilities and Who:

- ◆ Demonstrate leadership potential.
- ◆ Demonstrate involvement in the community or extra-curricular activities.
- ◆ Demonstrate the ability to interact effectively with other students.
- ◆ Are representative of Ohio in terms of geographic region, gender, and ethnicity

OUTCOMES

Student Delegates will:

- ◆ learn about choosing a career, the history of disability as a culture, available resources and assistive technology;
- ◆ identify existing barriers to personal and professional success and develop plans to deal with those barriers;
- ◆ be introduced to professionals with disabilities as possible mentors and role models to encourage youth to realize their ability, rights, and obligation to pursue meaningful employment and community leadership;
- ◆ develop a "Personal Leadership Plan" which will include specific action plans for the students for their return to their communities; and
- ◆ be empowered to reach goals in education, employment and community.

WHO: At least 35 high school students will be selected to attend through a competitive selection process.

WHEN: July 14th – July 17th, 2008

WHERE: Embassy Suites-Dublin, Ohio

COST: No cost for students (delegates) to attend this forum.

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