



YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM 2012

c/o Karen P. Halliday, Executive Director, KarenH1203@aol.com or
Kathleen Kabara, President, Kathleen@CTYLP.org

MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors of Special Education and Pupil Services, High School Special Education Department Heads, Transition Coordinators, Private Special Education Facilities, BRS Counselors, BESB Counselors, DDS Case Managers, Centers for Independent Living, Parent Groups

FROM: Karen Halliday, Director, Kathleen Kabara, President, Connecticut Youth Leadership Project, Inc.

SUBJECT: ENCLOSED APPLICATION FORM FOR THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES – (YLF) – 2012

DATE: December 2011

Enclosed is an application form for the twelfth annual Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities (YLF) scheduled for July 23-July 26, 2012 at the University of Connecticut, Storrs campus.

The program will bring together forty high school students with disabilities from throughout Connecticut for a four-day training forum focusing on enhancing community leadership skills. The forum will provide a concentrated educational and motivational experience for the students selected through a formal, competitive process.

The delegates will explore personal leadership skills, define career goals and leave the forum with a very specific action plan that describes what they will do back in their local communities to enhance the lives of people with disabilities. Students who are accepted to YLF will be required to attend follow-up sessions after the forum to implement their Community Action Plans.

I am requesting that you make available copies of this application to any current **sophomore** or **junior** with a disability*.

It is the goal of the YLF planning committee to select students from all regions of Connecticut, who represent a wide range of disabilities and ethnic backgrounds.

Thank you for your assistance in promoting this important program for young adults with disabilities in Connecticut. You may download additional copies of the application by logging on to our website – www.ctyyp.org

If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact Karen Halliday at (860) 918-2762 or KarenH1203@aol.com or Kathleen Kabara at (860) 424-5068 or Kathleen@CTYLP.org.

*Students in non-graded programs must be returning to high school for at least 1 year.



MEMORANDUM

TO: High School Sophomores and Juniors with Disabilities*

FROM: Karen Halliday, Director, Kathleen Kabara, President
Connecticut Youth Leadership Project, Inc.

SUBJECT: AN INVITATION FOR YOU TO APPLY FOR THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM
(YLF) FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES - 2012

DATE: December 2012

Enclosed is an application for our annual Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities (YLF). 2012 will be the fourteenth year we are offering this innovative leadership program. The four-day forum will include many exciting educational and motivational activities to assist you in strengthening your leadership skills. The forum will take place July 23-July 26, 2012 at the University of Connecticut, Storrs campus.

We are inviting you to apply, and are asking for your help in recruiting other students to apply for the forum. Completed application packets must be sent electronically by February 17, 2012 to KarenH1203@aol.com. If you need to print and mail it in you may do so with a postmark of February 17, 2012 to:

Kathleen Kabara
c/o DSS
25 Sigourney Street
Hartford, CT 06106

Through a competitive process, approximately 40 students will be selected to attend the forum. **If you are accepted to YLF you will be required to attend follow-up sessions after the forum to implement your Community Action Plans.**

It is the goal of the YLF planning committee to select students from all regions of Connecticut, who represent a wide range of disabilities and ethnic backgrounds.

The Youth Leadership Forum is sponsored through the cooperative effort of the public and private sector in Connecticut. There is no cost for you to attend the forum.

All information in your application is strictly confidential and will only be shared with members of the YLF selection committee. Applications may also be downloaded by accessing our website at www.ctyyp.org

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 17, 2012

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Connecticut Youth Leadership Forum - 2012

APPLICATION FORM

DEADLINE FOR POSTMARK ON MAILED APPLICATION: February 17, 2012

- Applicants must complete ALL information on pages 1 through 4 of this application
- Please type or print with black ink.
- Mail the application to the address on the last page (page 4)
- Please see page 5 for additional application instructions.

Personal Information:

Male Female

Student's Last Name First Middle

Mailing Address City State Zip Code

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Home Telephone Number (with area code) Birthdate (MM/DD/YY)

Email address

Ethnicity/Disability Information:

Race: Please check **all** that apply:

- AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATIVE
- ASIAN/ PACIFIC ISLANDER
- BLACK/AFRICAN-AMERICAN (NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN)
- HISPANIC
- WHITE (NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN):

Disability: Please check **all** that apply:

- ADD/ADHD
- BLIND VISUAL DISABILITY
 - I read with large print
 - I read with Braille
 - I require audio output
- DEAF HEARING IMPAIRED
 - I use sign language
 - I use live captioning

- I use lip reading
- I use an assistive listening device
- I use an FM system
- I use a loop system

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY

- Autism
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Intellectual Disability
- Other: _____

LEARNING DISABILITY

MENTAL HEALTH DISABILITY

NEUROMUSCULAR DISABILITY

ORTHOPEDIC DISABILITY

- I use a wheelchair
- I use a walker

OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____

School and Community Involvement:

Name of High School

School Mailing Address City State Zip Code

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High School Counselor's Name School Telephone (with area code)

Grade level on January 15, 2010 Date Graduation Expected

Please list the school classes in which you are currently enrolled:

Briefly list your involvement with your school and community. This may include any offices you held, club memberships, after school activities or work experiences. List the length of involvement, the grade level you were in at the time of participation, and the name of an adult contact with whom you worked.

School Activities:

Activity	Adult Contact	Dates	Grade Level

Community Activities:

Activity	Adult Contact	Dates

Work Experience (Paid or Non-paid):

Jobs Held	Adult Contact	Dates

Thank you for completing this application. Applications must be sent no later than February 17, 2012

Email completed application to Karen Halliday - KarenH1203@aol.com

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KEEP THIS PAGE, DO NOT MAIL IT WITH YOUR APPLICATION

HOW STUDENT DELEGATES WILL BE SELECTED AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS

1. To be eligible for the Youth Leadership Forum - 2012, the student must:
 - a. Have a disability, as defined by the Americans with Disability Act;
 - b. Be in 10th or 11th grade as of January 15, 2012, or if students are in non-graded programs they must be returning to high school for at least 1 year;
 - c. Have demonstrated leadership potential in the school and community;
 - d. Have **Medical Insurance**; and
 - e. Reside in Connecticut.

2. Student applicants must email their completed application no later than February 17 2012 to:
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3. Semi-finalists will be selected and contacted by telephone to arrange a personal interview. The interview will be conducted by a panel coordinated by the Youth Leadership Project, Board of Directors. Interviews will take place in March 2012.
4. All applicants will be notified by letter whether they have been selected to attend the forum. Letters will be mailed by late April. Approximately 40 students will be selected to attend.
5. After being selected, students will be asked to complete a confirmation form and provide additional information to the Planning Committee.
6. All appropriate expenses will be paid by the Youth Leadership Forum, including lodging, food, materials, and interpreters for deaf students and personal care assistants for students with physical disabilities.

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