



**Youth Leadership Forum - VA  
APPLICATION FORM**

*July 9<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> 2007  
Christopher Newport University,  
Newport News, Virginia*

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**DEADLINE FOR POSTMARK ON MAILED APPLICATION MUST BE: March 23, 2007**

**I. Personal Information:** Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

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Student's Last Name                      First                      Middle

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Residence Address                      City                      State                      Zip Code

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Mailing Address (if different than above)                      City                      State                      Zip Code

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Home Telephone Number (with area code)                      E-mail Address

**II. School and Community Involvement:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of High School

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School Mailing Address                      City                      State                      Zip Code

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

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High School Principal's Name                      Grade level on December 15, 2006

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Date Graduation Expected                      Local Newspaper

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

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

**School Activities:**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Adult Contact</b>	<b>Dates Involved</b>	<b>Type of Involvement</b>
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**III. Community Activities:**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Adult Contact</b>	<b>Dates Involved</b>
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**IV. Work Experience (Paid or Non-paid):**

<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Were You Paid?</b>	<b>Adult Contact</b>	<b>Dates</b>
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**V. Interests:**

Briefly describe some of your interests and hobbies that you pursue in your free time.

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**I. Letters of Recommendation:**

Please INCLUDE at least 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 (not a relative).

**Important: The letters of recommendation should be provided to you in sealed envelopes to be mailed with the application materials.**

List the name, position/title and telephone number of the people who are recommending you for this forum.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Position/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organization Telephone Number (with area code)

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Position/Title

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Organization Telephone Number (with area code)

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**VI. Ethnicity/Disability Information:**

(Please note this is a leadership training program for all students with disabilities.)

Race/Ethnic Background:    White    Black    Hispanic    Asian    Other

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

Please check **all** that apply:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DEAF                       | <input type="checkbox"/> DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HARD OF HEARING            | <input type="checkbox"/> Autism                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I use sign language        | <input type="checkbox"/> Traumatic Brain Injury    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I use real time captioning | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Retardation        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I use lip reading          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BLIND                      | <input type="checkbox"/> MENTAL HEALTH DISABILITY  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VISUAL DISABILITY          | <input type="checkbox"/> NEURO/MUSCULAR DISABILITY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I read with large print    | <input type="checkbox"/> LEARNING DISABILITY       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ORTHOPEDIC DISABILITY      | <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DISABILITIES     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I use a wheelchair         | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (describe) _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I cannot walk upstairs     | _____  |

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**VIII. Required Essay:**

Please write an essay that addresses the following three questions demonstrating readiness to participate in this leadership forum.

**A. Questions:**

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. (Family, teachers, counselors, friends, public officials or celebrities are appropriate examples).
3. **Experiences as a person with a disability:**
  - A ) Describe an important experience you have had as a young person with a disability and what you learned from this experience. (Please be specific about your example as it relates to your disability).
  - B) Do you have friends or spend time with other people who have disabilities?
  - C) How do you feel being around other people with disabilities?

**Please write your responses on separate sheets of paper and attach them to your application packet. Your responses to the three questions should not exceed three (3) typewritten, double spaced pages. (Responses must be double-spaced and either typewritten or printed in black ink).**

**II. Strengths, Assets & Goals - Complete the included Strengths, Assets & Goals Worksheet (page 6&7). Read and sign the bottom of side 2 of the worksheet.**

**III. Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Thank you for completing this application. Please mail it to the address below no later than **March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007.**

If you have any questions, contact Teri Barker Morgan at (804) 786-9381

Mailing address for application: Teri Barker Morgan, Sponsored Programs Manager  
Virginia Board for People with Disabilities  
202 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
9<sup>th</sup> Street Office Building  
Richmond, VA 23219

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Some Important aspects of being a leader are recognizing your strengths and things you learn or need help with, setting goals, developing strategies to achieve your goals.

Using the format below write down or type on a separate sheet of paper, the information that will help YLF Staff to better know and understand the goals and objectives of applicants. And, will be a preparatory guide for the 2007 YLF Delegates to develop their Personal Leadership Plans at the YLF.

## **Personal Assets: Things I am good at, my gifts, talents and strengths**

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## **Future Goals: What I want to do *after* high school**

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## **My Skills Today: What I can do *right now* to meet my future goals**

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## **My Needs: What I *still* need to do and learn to meet my future goals**

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Goals I want to achieve this year and steps I'll take or opportunities that might meet my goals:

**GOAL 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

Steps or Opportunities:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

People who can help me with this:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**GOAL 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

Steps or Opportunities:

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

People who can help me with this:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

At the YLF, each Delegate is required to complete a Personal Leadership Plan. If I am selected to be a 2007 YLF Delegate I agree to complete my plan as required.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**\*KEEP THIS PAGE, DO NOT MAIL IT WITH YOUR APPLICATION\***  
**HOW STUDENT DELEGATES WILL BE SELECTED AND APPLICATION**  
**INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS**

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1. To be eligible for the 2007 Youth Leadership Forum-VA, student must:
  - a. Have a disability, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act;
  - b. Be in 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade as of December 15, 2006, 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; and
  - d. Reside in Virginia;
  - e. Agree to assist as a YLF-VA volunteer within 2 years of attending as a Student Delegate.
2. Applicants must complete all sections of the YLF-VA Application Form and return the form by the specified deadline. Late or incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
3. All applications will be reviewed initially for compliance with application procedures. Following a selection process, semi-finalists will be contacted by telephone to arrange a personal interview. A panel coordinated by the Youth Leadership Forum Coordinating Committee will conduct the interview. Interviews will take place at the end of March and beginning of April 2007
4. Finalists will be notified by letter whether they have been selected to attend the forum. Letters will be mailed by the end of April or beginning of May 2007. Twenty-five (25) delegates and four alternate delegates will be selected to attend. Alternate delegates are students who will be on "stand-by" to attend the YLF-VA.
5. After being selected, delegates will be asked to complete a confirmation form and provide additional information to the Sponsored Programs Staff.
6. Expenses will be paid by the Youth Leadership Forum, including lodging, transportation reimbursement, food, materials, and interpreters for deaf students and personal care assistants.

Applications must be postmarked no later than **March 23, 2007**

Mail applications to:

Teri Morgan, Sponsored Programs Manager  
Virginia Board for People with Disabilities  
202 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
9<sup>th</sup> Street Office Building  
Richmond, VA 23219

If you need special accommodations to complete this form contact the Sponsored Programs Manager at 1-800-846-4464.

Unless special accommodations are requested, only written, mailed applications will be accepted.

