



2012 YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

Position Description for Junior Staff

Created for Junior Staff Interested in Attending
The Able Trust's 2012 Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities
Deadline: January 23, 2012

This year will be our 13th Florida Youth Leadership Forum (YLF), July 18 - 22, 2012. We would like you to consider returning as a Junior Staff member. The Junior Staff position is full time, and begins on July 18, 2012. Junior Staff must reside in the dormitories at Southgate Campus Centre with the delegates and other adult staff members for the entire Forum.

There are a limited number of Junior Staff positions, so the selection is based on your application, ability to meet deadlines and desire to work as a team.

It's important to remember that being selected as Junior Staff is a privilege. You will have far more responsibility during the week than when you were a delegate. If you are up to the challenge and want to enhance your leadership skills, we encourage you to apply.

Requirements for working as Junior Staff include acting as a role model for delegates, interacting with delegates, guiding them through their YLF experience, assisting the Facilitators with Home Group discussions, communicating with the YLF coordinators and other necessary tasks. Junior Staff play an important role in the YLF, helping delegates get the most out of their experience by serving as leaders for the event.

The YLF has grown tremendously over the years. As a result, the Junior Staff application process is competitive. All applications are reviewed and considered by the YLF planning team. **Filling out an application does not guarantee being selected as Junior Staff.** The Able Trust must receive your application by January 23, 2012, and your community service hours by February 28, 2012 or your application will not be considered. All applicants will be notified of their selection status in early March via US Mail, so please be sure that you contact information is correct.

Application Checklist

Deadline – January 23, 2012:

I have met with my high school guidance counselor and have provided him/her with two copies of the YLF 2012 delegate application. (Please have your guidance counselor sign the Application for Junior Staff Participation form in the spaces provided.)

I have submitted my Application for Junior Staff Participation to The Able Trust.

I have submitted the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council Consent Form.

FOR 2011 DELEGATES ONLY – I have completed the Speaker and Facilitator Evaluations Forms.

To be returned by February 28, 2012:

I have completed 50 hours of community service and returned the Community Service form.





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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
First Last Middle Initial

Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone: () _____ **Alternate Phone:** () _____

E-mail Address: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Social Security Number*: _____ **Race:** _____

Gender (M/F): _____ **State Driver's License Number:** _____

Disability/Medical Diagnosis: _____

Onset of Disability: _____

*By providing the information requested and signing above, you are giving consent to The Able Trust to obtain any criminal history reports if deems necessary for the Youth Leadership Forum 2012. You hereby declare that the information listed above is true and correct and that The Able Trust may decide not to allow you to participate in the Youth Leadership Forum 2012.

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE INFORMATION

Name of School: _____

Class Standing in Fall 2011: _____
Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

I have given my Guidance Counselor two (2) copies of the 2012 YLF Application.

Student Signature Date

Guidance Counselor Signature Date

Please return this form in the enclosed envelope.
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Mail to: The Able Trust, 3320 Thomasville Road, Suite 200, Tallahassee, FL 32308-7906.

Why do you want to return to the Youth Leadership Forum as a Junior Staff Member?

As a result of the YLF, have you taken a leadership role in a club/organization or have you joined any additional clubs/organizations since the YLF? If so, please list and included positions held and dates active.

If selected as a member of the Junior Staff, what would you like the next group of Delegates to know about the experience of participating in the YLF?

Have you used your Personal Leadership Plan since attending the YLF? If so, how would you encourage the new delegates to make the best use of their plans? If not, why?

Please give one specific example of how you feel the YLF has benefited you. (For example, you are more active in school or a community organization, other personal changes you have noticed.)

Based upon your past experience(s) with YLF and your extracurricular activities and interests, what qualities/skills do you feel you would bring to YLF as a Junior Staff member? (technical skills, leadership skills, etc.) Please mark any skills listed that apply to you and explain below.

Home Group Discussions Audio/Visual Photography Decorations Other

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CONSENT FORM

I, _____, hereby consent to the inclusion of my contact information in the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc. (FDDC) database to be used for legislative advocacy and/or other FDDC efforts. I understand that the FDDC may contact me for involvement in future advocacy efforts and that my information will not be shared with outside organizations without my further consent.

Signature

Date

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Please check the category that best describes you: Individual with a disability Family member Professional Other (please specify: _____)

To be completed by individuals with disabilities and/or family members:

Are you (or your family member with a disability) currently employed? ____ YES ____ NO

If so, please describe your current employment situation:

Are you currently in school? ____ YES ____ NO

If so, please describe your current educational situation (high school, post-secondary, vocational, etc.): _____

What advocacy activities are you currently involved with?

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Junior Staff Community Service Form

Deadline: February 28, 2012

By completing and signing this form I am indicating that I have completed 50 hours of community service. The following is a list of some of the places and/or activities I volunteered for:

Activity: _____

Total Hours: _____ Date Completed: _____

Supervisor Signature: _____

Activity: _____

Total Hours: _____ Date Completed: _____

Supervisor Signature: _____

Activity: _____

Total Hours: _____ Date Completed: _____

Supervisor Signature: _____

Activity: _____

Total Hours: _____ Date Completed: _____

Supervisor Signature: _____



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