



Montana Youth Leadership Forum

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WE'RE INVITING FUTURE COMMUNITY LEADERS TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MONTANA YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM (MYLF) FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

July 21–25, 2014

Location – Carroll College, Helena, MT

*Twenty high school sophomores, juniors and seniors will be selected.

*No expense to selected delegates (**all expenses paid**).

*Exciting, fun, and educational four-day training program.

APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY March 28, 2014

*Students must complete all information of this application.

*Please type or print with black ink.

*Mail the application to the address on the last page (page 6).

*Please see page 5 for additional application instructions.

1. Last Name

First

Middle

2. Address

City

Zip

3. Male / Female

4. Phone

5. Name of High School

6. Grade Level on 12/31/13

7. Your E-Mail Address

8. Birth date

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9. Date Graduation Expected

10. School Phone Number

11. Your Ethnicity

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

Disability (medical diagnosis) _____

Onset of disability: _____

Check all that apply:

Deaf _____
Hard of Hearing _____
I use sign language _____
I use real time captioning _____
I use lip reading _____

Developmental Disability _____
Describe _____
Autism _____
Traumatic Brain Injury _____
Other _____

Blind _____

Visual Impairment _____
I read with Braille _____
I read with large print _____

Mental Health Disability _____
Neuromuscular Disability _____

Orthopedic Disability _____
I use a wheelchair _____
I cannot walk upstairs _____
I cannot walk long distances _____

Learning Disability _____
Multiple Disabilities _____

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13. Information on Vocational Rehabilitation

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

14. 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.

Activity	Adult Contact	Dates Involved	Grade
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15. 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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16. 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) typewritten, double-spaced sheets. (Responses must be double-spaced and either typewritten 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. Why? (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.

17. 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 _____

Student Signature

Date

**KEEP THIS PAGE –
DO NOT RETURN WITH APPLICATION**

**Mail Completed Applications to:
MYLF
1617 Euclid Ave. Suite 1
Helena, MT 59601**

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

1. To be eligible for the Montana Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities, students must:
 - a. Have a disability (as defined by the ADA)
 - b. Be in the 9, 10, 11, or 12th grade as of December 31, 2013
 - c. Must have demonstrated leadership potential in school and community
 - d. Reside in Montana
2. Student applicants must mail the completed application packet to the MYLF office no later than March 28, 2014
3. Selected applicants will be notified by letter no later than May 9, 2014
4. After being selected, students will be asked to fill out a confirmation form, and provide additional information to the MYLF office.
5. **All appropriate expenses will be paid by the Montana Youth Leadership Forum (MYLF)** including such expenses as travel, lodging, food, and interpreters for students who are deaf and personal assistants for students with physical disabilities.