

5. E-mail Address:

Parents email _____

Student's Email: _____

6. _____ / _____
(Area Code) Home phone / Cell phone

7. _____
Grade Level on December 31, 2015

8. _____
Name of High School

9. School Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

10. _____
(Area Code) School Telephone Number

11. Birth date: _____ Date Graduation expected: _____

12. In your own words, describe your disability. (This information will assist in assuring that we include delegates with a diversity of disabilities and match with appropriate mentors.)

13. Race/Ethnicity: Native American _____ Asian _____ Black _____ Hispanic _____
White (non-Hispanic) _____ Other _____

14. **Information for Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services (IVRS), or Iowa Department for the Blind (IDB)**

Are you on the waiting list for services from Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services? Yes No

If you are currently a client of the Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services or Department for the Blind, please print your counselor's name below:

IVRS/IDB Counselor's Name: _____

15. **School and Community Involvement**

Briefly tell us about your involvement with your school and community (since 9th grade). This may include any offices you have held, club memberships, after school activities or work experiences. Include the length of involvement, your grade level at the time of participation, and the name of an adult with whom you worked.

16. **Tell us a little about yourself:**

Your responses to the four topics listed below will be used to assess your eligibility to participate in this leadership forum. You may respond by writing your answers on paper, using email, recording your answers on tape, you may videotape yourself, or come up with other mediums to answer the four topics. Send your responses along with your completed application packet.

- (a) **Qualifications** - Explain why you are qualified to be a delegate to this forum and 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, or public officials are appropriate examples.)
- (c) **Experiences as a Person with a Disability** - Describe two important experiences you have had as a young person with a disability. (Please be specific about your examples as they relate to your disability).
- (d) **Future Plans** - Describe your goals for the future.

17. **T-Shirt Size (unisex adult)- circle one:**

Small Medium Large XL XXL XXXL

Signature of Student

Date

If selected, my child has permission to participate in the Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

If you would like to have this application packet in an alternate format, please contact (888) 219-0471.

Thank you for completing this application. Please **mail it to the address below**. If you have any questions, please contact:



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 Attn: YLF Committee
 Lucas State Office Building
 Des Moines, Iowa 50319
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<https://humanrights.iowa.gov/cas>
dhr.disabilities@iowa.gov

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

1. To be eligible for the Youth Leadership Forum, students must:
 - (a) Have a disability (as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act);
 - (b) Be in the 10th, 11th or 12th grade as of December 31, 2016 (although exceptions can be made for 5th year seniors);
2. Student applicants must mail the completed application packet to the Iowa Commission of Persons with Disabilities office--postmarked no later than **February 1, 2017**.
3. Semi-finalists will be selected and contacted by telephone to arrange a personal interview. Interviews will take place in March, 2017.
4. All applicants will be notified by letter whether they are selected to attend the forum. (Letters will be mailed by the end of April, 2017.) Approximately 40 students will be selected to attend.
5. After being selected, students will be asked to fill out a confirmation form and provide additional information.
6. All appropriate expenses will be paid by the Youth Leadership Forum management, including such expenses as lodging, food, accommodations to attend and participate, and scholarships for travel expenses when needed.

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