

# MISSOURI **YOUTH** **LEADERSHIP** FORUM

## July 18-22, 2023

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI  
IN COLUMBIA, MO

A unique career leadership training program for high school students with disabilities, ages 16-21.

—▶ **AND IT'S FREE!** ◀—



**APPLICATIONS AND MORE INFO AVAILABLE AT**

**<https://disability.mo.gov/gcd/y lf.htm>**

**APPLY BY APRIL 15, 2023**

# Calling all Leaders!

The Forum is a unique career leadership training program for individuals with disabilities ages 16—21. Participants are selected from their local communities to cultivate leadership, citizenship, social and career development skills during the leadership conference. This is a life-changing opportunity.

## What are the goals of the Forum?

1. Develop leadership skills to ensure that all youth with disabilities will realize their full potential
2. Develop career strategies that increase the youth's potential for employment
3. Promote inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of society
4. Participate in policymaking or practices that affect young people with disabilities

## What is the agenda?

1. Learning and applying leadership principles
2. Understanding the disability experience and sharing resources
3. Building independent living skills and setting career goals
4. Developing advocacy skills

## What does it cost to attend the Forum?

The Forum is funded through state agencies, sponsorships and donations. Students will not be charged to participate. Students are responsible for their transportation to and from Columbia.

## Where is the Forum held?

The Forum is held at the University of Missouri—Columbia campus

## How do I apply for the Forum?

Complete an application. This application includes an application form, resume, and three references. Visit: <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/ylf.htm> to complete the application. Applicants selected to attend will be required to complete additional forms prior to participation.

## What if I have questions about the Forum?

Please contact: 573-751-2600 or 1-800-877-8249 or visit: <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/ylf.htm> for more information

## What do former delegates have to say about the Forum?

“When my mom dropped me off, I can remember telling her I didn't think I wanted to stay! Four days later when my mom returned, she tells me I had a whole different attitude! She is right! It was an amazing experience. This Forum changed my life!”

The Missouri Youth Leadership Forum is hosted by the Governor's Council on Disability in collaboration with MU-College of Education, MU-Pre-Employment Transition Service, Paraquad, and Vocational Rehabilitation.

