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**MISSOURI YOUTH
LEADERSHIP
FORUM**

JULY 15-19, 2025



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HIGHER EDUCATION
LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY
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living on the University of Missouri
campus in Columbia (MU)...and
make new lifetime friends!**

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<https://disability.mo.gov/gcd/y1f>

The Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (MO-YLF) is a leadership program for high school students with disabilities. If you are in high school (or graduating this year) and have a disability, you don't want to miss out on an opportunity to learn about and build leadership skills to become better prepared for future employment, higher education, and independent living after you graduate from high school.

MO-YLF is a five-day program that is held on the University of Missouri campus in Columbia, MO. During this transformational week, you will not only learn about a wide range of topics including disability history and rights, assistive technology, community resources, legislative processes, and self-advocacy skills, you will make friends from all over Missouri!

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:

