

Youth Leadership Forum



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& Videos found
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Tell Me More, Tell Me More!

Are you

- ◆ A youth with a disability?
- ◆ Interested in leadership training?
- ◆ Interested in learning about self-advocacy?
- ◆ Interested in education and employment after high school?
- ◆ Interested in having fun?
 - If so, YLF is for you!



What YLF alumni say

- *"I will remember YLF for the rest of my life—all you guys changed my life!"*
- *"It's been extremely helpful to learn about others' disabilities and learn transition techniques to work toward our future education and employment."*
- *"Thank you YLF for all that you teach & all that you inspire!"*

**Activities are developed so
ALL can participate
& enjoy!!**

What is the Purpose of YLF?

Youth Leadership Forum is a week-long leadership training and career awareness program for high school students with disabilities. It provides training in leadership, self-advocacy skills and career awareness. Approximately 40 students throughout South Dakota are selected each year.

The Youth Leadership Forum enables young adults who have a disability to learn from each other and from successful adults with disabilities who are recognized leaders and role models. Students learn more about their own disability and others' disabilities, analyze their own strengths and weaknesses and to make decisions. They also learn organizational skills, different leadership styles, the legislative process, disability laws, how to influence others, etiquette, and much more!

Is there a cost to attend?

No. The commitment of the YLF is to empower youth to grow personally, socially, and academically. No student should be denied this opportunity because of economic hardship. All costs, including transportation, are paid for through public and private donations.

Where do the students sleep while at YLF?

Delegates stay in dormitory suites on the NSU Campus. Males and females are separated and YLF leaders supervise students while at the dorm. A night time security guard is also present.

What happens if the student needs medical attention?

There is 24-hour nursing care available. Two nursing staff are on-site at the dorm overnight and also during all daytime activities. Additional personal care attendant service and/or nursing assistance is available, when needed.

What does a typical day look like at YLF?

The day generally starts with breakfast at 8:00 am in the college cafeteria. Large group presentations, hands-on activities, educational games, and small group activities fill the day hours. Every evening a special event, such as a picnic, dance, park activity, etc. is planned. The day ends with some free time, with delegates in their dorm rooms and lights out by 11:00 pm.

Is YLF a safe place?

YLF delegates are never alone. Delegates are divided into 4 teams, with each team having 3 leaders present to supervise and assist with whatever need the delegate may have. Delegates go to and from all activities in groups. Along with the team adult leaders, transition liaisons, nursing staff, and other service providers are also present to assist.