



OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
 A project of the Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council
Application for
Oklahoma Youth Leadership Forum (YLF)



DEADLINE: Applications must be postmarked by March 9th.

- All information on pages 1 through 4 must be completed.
- Audio and video applications are accepted when all information is included.
- You may call to dictate your answers to complete this form.

a. Personal information

Student's last name		First	Nickname
Area code	Home phone number	Email address - self <input type="checkbox"/>	parent <input type="checkbox"/>
Area code	Cell phone number	Email address - self <input type="checkbox"/>	parent <input type="checkbox"/>

b. Secondary contact

Contact's last name		First
Area code	Phone number	Email address or additional phone number

c. Community and volunteer activities

Activity	Adult contact	Dates involved

d. School activities. Briefly list your involvement with your school including any offices you held, club memberships, or after-school activities.

Activity	Grade level	Adult contact	Dates involved	Type of involvement

e. List school classes

List the school classes in which you are currently enrolled	

f. Work experience, paid or non-paid

Jobs	Were you paid?	Adult contact	Dates involved

g. Interests

Briefly describe interests and hobbies you pursue in your free time.

h. Letters of recommendation. ATTACH at least two letters of recommendation describing either your demonstrated leadership skills or leadership potential. One letter **must** be from a school representative and one **must** be from a community representative outside your school and is not a relative.

IMPORTANT: The letters of recommendation must be provided to you in sealed envelopes and mailed with the application materials.

List the name, position or title, and telephone number of the people who are recommending you for this forum.

1. Name	Position or title	
Organization	Area code	Phone number
2. Name	Position or title	
Organization	Area code	Phone number

Application instructions and delegate selection information

1. To be eligible for the Oklahoma YLF, a student must:
 - have a disability, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act;
 - be in 10th or 11th grade as of December 15th or if students are in non-graded programs they must be returning to high school for at least one year;
 - have demonstrated leadership potential in the school and community; and
 - reside in Oklahoma.
2. Applicants must complete all sections of this application and return the form by the specified deadline. Late or incomplete applications are not reviewed.
3. All applications are reviewed initially for compliance with application procedures. Following a selection process, semi-finalists are contacted by telephone to arrange a personal interview. A panel coordinated by the YLF Steering Committee conducts the interview. Interviews take place between March and April.
4. Finalists are notified by letter if they are selected to attend the forum. Letters are mailed by the end of April. Up to twenty-five delegates and four alternate delegates are selected to attend. Alternate delegates are students who are on stand-by to attend the YLF.
5. After being selected, delegates are asked to complete a confirmation form and provide additional information to the YLF Steering Committee.
6. Expenses are paid by the Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council (ODDC), including lodging, transportation, food, materials, interpreters for students who are deaf, and personal care assistants.

Applications must be postmarked by March 9th. Mail applications to:

Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council
2401 NW 23rd Street, Suite 74
Oklahoma City, OK 73107

If you need special accommodations to complete this form, contact ODDC at 405-521-4984 or 1-800-836-4470. Unless special accommodations are requested, only written, mailed applications are accepted

Incomplete applications are not considered. Use this checklist to make certain this application packet is complete and includes:

- YLF Application, this form;
- two letters of recommendation; and
- your personal essay.