Alternate formats available upon request

Application Deadline (Extended): June 1, 2021

Weeks for NCYLF:

July 12, 2021- July 23, 2021

2021

Zooming with the North Carolina Youth Leadership Forum

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**Youth Leadership Forum**

Delegate Application

**Welcome to Zooming with the North Carolina Youth Leadership Forum!**

**July 12, 2021 – July 23, 2021**

**Monday to Thursday – 9:30 am to 3:00 pm**

**Friday – TBA**

**Hosted by:** Youth LEAD NC

**Run by:** Young people, ages 15 to 30, with disabilities

The 2021 North Carolina Youth Leadership Forum Committee would like to thank you for your interest in Zooming with the North Carolina Youth Leadership Forum (NCYLF). In lieu of an in-person event, Zooming with the NCYLF will be a free two week web series that will model online college life for youth with disabilities. Participants will be treated like college students.

Topics for webinars will focus on advocacy, individual goals, leadership, independent living skills, and making change in the community. Delegates will be assigned a small group where they will have the opportunity to get to know others who share similar experiences. Participants will also have the opportunity to participate in other fun activities throughout YLF to mirror an in- person forum.

Interested in experiencing college life while social distancing? Please complete the following application and mail or email to the address below. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns at ylfnc@live.com.

**Mail or email the application to:**

North Carolina Youth Leadership Forum

PO Box 90762

Raleigh, NC 27675

[ylfnc@live.com](mailto:ylfnc@live.com)

Eligibility

**To be eligible to apply for Zooming with the North Carolina Youth Leadership Forum, applicants must:**

**Check all that apply:**

Have a disability

Be age 15 to 30 years of age

Have leadership experience or interested in gaining leadership skills

Live in North Carolina

**Are you NCYLF alumni?**

Yes

No

If so, what year did you attend NCYLF: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Have you previously applied to NCYLF?**

Yes

No

If so, what year did you apply to NCYLF: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE** for postmark on mailed application: **June 1, 2021 at 5:00pm.**

Applicants must complete ALL parts of this application.

General Information

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Name : | | Date of Birth: | | | Race/Ethnicity (optional):    Age: |
| Parent/Guardian Name (if under age 18): | | Gender: | | |
| Address: | | | Preferred Contact Method: | | |
| Mailing Address (if different from above): | | | | | |
| City: | Zip Code: | | | County: | |
| Email Address: | | | | | |
| Phone Number: | | Fax Number: | | | |
| Name of Current School/Workplace: | | | | | |
| Other Educational Experiences:  High School:       Dates:    Post High School:       Dates:       Course of Study: | | | | | |

### Disability Information

What is the name of your disability? Please include your diagnosis.

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How long have you been a person with a disability? (Date):

Please check **all** that apply (continued on next page):

**MOBILITY DISABILITY**

Cerebral Palsy

Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis

Osteogenisis Imperfecta

Multiple Sclerosis

Muscular Dystrophy

Spina Bifida

Spinal Cord Injury

Spinal Muscular Atrophy

Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I use a manual wheelchair

I use a motorized scooter

I use a power wheelchair

I use a walker

I use crutches

Other:

**DEAF**

Culturally Deaf

Deaf

I use American Sign Language

I use Lip Reading

I use an Assistive Listening Device

Other:

**HARD OF HEARING**

I use American Sign Language

I use Lip Reading

I use an Assistive Listening Device

Other:

**LOW VISION**

I read with Braille

I read with Large Print

I use my PC/MAC Software to read

Other:

**BLIND**

Legally Blind

I read with Braille

I read with Large Print

I use my PC/MAC Software to read

Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY**

Acquired Brain Injury

Autism

Down syndrome

Epilepsy

Traumatic Brain Injury

Other:

I use a daily assistant or a personal care assistant

I use a facilitator

I use a reader

I use a writer

Other:

**MENTAL HEALTH**

Anxiety

Bipolar

Depression

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

Schizophrenia

Other:

**LEARNING DISABILITY**

Attention Deficit Disorder

Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

Dyslexia

Visual Perception

Other:

I use a reader

I use a writer

I use specific PC/MAC Software

**IMMUNE DISABILITY**

Crohn’s Disease

Grave’s Disease

Multiple Sclerosis

Psoriasis

Rheumatoid Arthritis

Other:

**CHRONIC ILLNESS**

Cancer

Cystic Fibrosis

Diabetes

Fibromyalgia

Heart Disease

Other:

**CHEMICAL ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY DISABILITY**

Please describe:

**OTHER SPECIFIC DISABILITY**

Please describe:

Questions

Please respond to the following questions in no more than 5 sentences for each question. Responses can also be submitted in other formats, such as a video or a PowerPoint.

All entries should be submitted via email to ylfnc@live.com or mailed to:

North Carolina Youth Leadership Forum

P.O. Box 90762

Raleigh, NC 27675

Please contact if any assistance is needed to complete the application by contacting NCYLF via email at ylfnc@live.com.

1. Why do you want to participate in Zooming with the NCYLF? What strengths can you bring to Zooming with the NCYLF?
2. Describe how you feel about your disability. If you remember, how did you feel when you were first learned you had a disability? How do you feel about your disability now?
3. What are some of your future goals? How are you working to achieve them?
4. Please enter all of your involvement with your school and/or community within the last five years.

High School:       Colleges/Universities:

Clubs:       After-school Activities:

Employment:       Volunteering:

Faith Based Groups:       Youth Group:       Other:

Please make sure that you have responded to all the parts of the questions.

Any incomplete applications will not be considered for participation.

Web Accommodations

Zooming with the NCYLF is committed to being a program that is accessible to all. Please answer all questions as they apply.

Natural Support Contact: (This is someone who may be around the participant during the web series and wants to participate in our parent/natural support orientation.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have access to reliable internet? If no, NCYLF will work with its partners to find solutions for participants to access our web series while staying within the guidelines of social distancing. ­­\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Do you have access to reliable transportation? Some of NCYLF’s partners may have additional computers and other technology at their offices. \_\_\_\_Yes

\_\_\_No

**Interpreters**

\_\_\_ American Sign Language \_\_\_Cued Speech \_\_\_Signed English

\_\_\_Oral \_\_\_Communication Access Real-Time (CART)

\_­\_\_Other (please provide details):

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**Deaf/Blind Communication:**

Tactile Haptics Close Vision

**Alternate Formats**

Braille Large Print Electronic

Your Online Class Schedule

This year’s NCYLF will be laid out in the following way:

Webinar days will be Monday – Thursday with Friday being a fun group activity day. On the webinar days, central themes are topics that involve the disability community, learning about the unique world we belong to, and how we can change our community. The timeframe of each webinar day will be from 9:30 am to 3:00pm. On Friday, NCYLF will have a fun group activity. During this time, delegates will have an opportunity to get to know each other and have fun with new friends. Times for Fridays will depend on the activities that NCYLF holds.

As stated in the guidelines below, your peer mentors (TA) will send you remainders about NCYLF events. However, just like in college, it is *your* responsibility to show up! If you are going to miss a day, please let your peer mentor (TA) know at least 48 hours in advance.

Guardianship/Foster Care

*What is Guardianship?* Guardianship is a legal relationship between an individual (the guardian) who has been given the legal authority and duty to make decisions on behalf of another individual.

Do you have a legal guardian? (*Check one*)

Yes \_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ I don’t know \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, name of guardian and contact information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Daytime #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Nighttime #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently in the foster care system? (*Check one*)

Yes \_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ I don’t know\_\_\_\_

Release for Healthy Relationship Discussion

**(Only needed in case of under 18 years old)**

I, legal guardian of (applicant name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_am aware and have been informed that the NCYLF will be having a healthy relationship discussion. The topics that will be discussed are to educate and make the youth aware of risks that are related to relationships.

Please check one of the options found below:

\_\_\_\_\_ I **approve** of my youth participating in the healthy relationship discussion

\_\_\_\_\_ I **do not approve** of my youth participating in the healthy relationship discussion.

Applicant Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

North Carolina Youth Leadership Forum Media Release

CONSENT TO PHOTOGRAPH, FILM, OR VIDEOTAPE A PARTICIPANT FOR NON-PROFIT USE

(E.g. educational, public service, or health awareness purposes)

I hereby consent to the participation in interviews, the use of quotes, and the taking of photographs, movies or video tapes of the participant named above. I also grant the North Carolina Youth Leadership Forum the right to edit, use, and reuse said products for nonprofit purposes including use in print, on the internet, and all other forms of media. I also hereby release the North Carolina Youth Leadership Forum, members, mentors, and affiliated organizations from all claims, demands, and liabilities whatsoever in connection with the above.

Applicant Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Participant Guidelines

**If selected, the following are guidelines that are expected from each participant who attends the Zooming with the NCYLF web series. If you agree with the following guidelines, please sign below before submitting the application.**

* Be respectful.
* Attend all NCYLF activities unless there is notice of an excused absence communicated to your TA (peer mentor) at least 48 hours in advance.
* Actively participate on webinars, in small group hangouts, and during activities that are a part of the NCYLF web series.
* Do your best to stay for the entire webinar day unless you have notified your peer mentor.
* Communicate any accommodations, needs, or any difficulties with technology.
* **HAVE FUN!!!**

**I hereby agree to these guidelines and will follow them to the best of my ability if I am selected as a participant for the Zooming with the NCYLF web series.**

**Electronic signatures are accepted.**

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your interest in the NCYLF! We will notify you soon of your application status!!