



***Thanks for your interest in the Florida Youth Council!***

The Florida Youth Council is a group of youth (between the ages of 13 and 17) and emerging leaders (between the ages of 18 and 30) with disabilities or special health care needs that live in Florida.

The Florida Youth Council is all about getting youth and emerging leaders involved in self-advocacy, peer mentoring and other activities that will improve the quality of life for youth and emerging leaders with disabilities in Florida. The program empowers youth and emerging leaders to decide what issues are important to their generation, to express those issues in their state and local communities, and to develop strategies to solve them.

We are seeking a group of enthusiastic, motivated youth and emerging leaders to participate. If you would like to take a leadership role in advocating for youth and emerging leaders in Florida, please join us!

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### **Commitments and Responsibilities**

As a member of the Florida Youth Council, there are a few things that you should be ready to do. The entire program is run by youth and emerging leaders, so your enthusiasm and active participation are essential!

Here's what we ask of our Florida Youth Council Members:

- Participate in monthly **Florida Youth Council conference calls** of about two hours in length
- Participate in quarterly (four times a year) **Florida Youth Council meetings**
- Attend the **annual Florida Youth Summit**
- Provide **advice and input** on the Florida Youth Council's various activities
- Participate or present at **local community events**
- **Actively participate** in all meetings, projects and other Council activities
- **Respect other members' viewpoints**, opinions and values

Basically, we are asking you to give us all of your energy, ideas and excitement as we move the Florida Youth Council forward. If you want to take a lead role in making a difference for youth and emerging leaders in Florida, and have fun doing it, this is the program for you!

#### ***PLEDGE:***

By signing here, I agree to participate fully in the Florida Youth Council, to attend all program functions, and to do everything in my power to make the Florida Youth Council a success.

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Name

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Date

# Florida Youth Council Application

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender (circle one): M / F

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Disability (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Race (optional)       White (non-Hispanic)       Black (non-Hispanic)       Hispanic

Asian or Pacific Islander       Native American       Other

OK, this part might not sound like a lot of fun, but we have have three short questions that we would like you to answer so we can get to know you a little better. Relax, have fun and be creative! Feel free to attach additional pages, but try to keep your answers to one page per question.

1. Tell us about the activities your are involved with in your school or community.
2. Tell us why you are interested in joining the Florida Youth Council.
3. Tell us what unique qualities, talents, abilities or experiences you will bring to the Florida Youth Council.

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*Return your completed application to:*

**The Family Cafe  
1332 North Duval St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32303**

We may call or e-mail you if we want to know more about you. You should expect to hear back from us within a few weeks. ***Thanks for applying!***

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## Recommendation for the Florida Youth Council

We would like you to get two Recommendations from people that are not members of your family. You can just give them this page, and they can return it to us with a letter on a separate page.

Recommendation Writer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to the Applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known them? \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us why you think the person you are recommending would be a valuable contributor to the Florida Youth Council. (Feel free to attach additional pages):

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*Return the completed recommendation form to:*

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Thank you very much for recommending this individual for participation in the Florida Youth Council. We appreciate your effort!

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