Oklahoma YLF Delegate Application 2027

Thank you for your interest to the Oklahoma Youth Leadership Forum.
DEADLINE: Applications are due March 1 every year.

- **Audio and video applications are accepted when all information is included.**
- **You may call to dictate your answers and we will complete the form with you.**

* Required

To be eligible for the Oklahoma YLF, a student must:

- Be in 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grade, or outgoing 12th grader as of December 19th;
- have demonstrated leadership potential in the school and community;
- live in Oklahoma, and
- have a disability, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act **OR** have an interest in working with others who have a disability or have a family member with a disability (such as a brother, sister, cousin). This website can help you if you're not sure if you would be eligible to apply: https://adata.org/faq/what-definition-disability-under-ada
- Complete all sections of the application.

Delegate Name and Contact Information

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Name. *

What is your first and last name?

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Cell Phone Number. *

Please include your area code. *NOTE: We may text you before calling so you know who is calling.*

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Mailing address. *

Home Mailing Address. Please include street address, city, and zip code.

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Email Address. *

What is your email address? *We will email you for interview times as well as other forms.*

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Birthday. *

What is your birthday (Day, Month, and Year please)?

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Gender. *

- ◯ female
- ◯ male
- ◯ Prefer not to say

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Marketing. *

How did you find out about the YLF?

Parent or Guardian Contact Information

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Parent/Guardian *

First and last name please.

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Parent/Guardian Phone: *

Parent or Guardian Phone Number (include area code).

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Parent/Guardian email *

Parent/Guardian email address. We will email both your and your parent's email.

High School and Town Information

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Your school? *

Name of High School, your Principal's name, and your school mailing address (street address, city, zip code):

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What grade? *

What grade are you in right now (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, or graduate)?

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Graduation Year. *

What year do you think you will graduate high school?

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Hometown newspaper? *

What is the name of your local newspaper?

Disability information.

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What is your disability? *

Check all that apply.

- [ ] Autism
- [ ] Epilepsy
- [ ] Hearing impairment / Hearing
- [ ] Intellectual Disability
- [ ] Learning Disability
- [ ] Mental Health Disability
- [ ] Multiple Disability
- [ ] Neuro / muscular Disability
- [ ] Orthopedic Disability
- [ ] Traumatic Brain Injury
- [ ] Vision impairment / Blind
- [ ] None - I am a sibling or high school student interested in advocacy, leadership, and inclusion.
- [ ] Other

Race/ethnic background.

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Race/Ethnic background.

Providing race and ethnicity information is voluntary and for informational and statistical purposes only. Your choice to answer or not answer does not affect decisions.

- [ ] African American / Black
- [ ] Asian
- [ ] Hispanic
- [ ] Native American
- [ ] White
- [ ] Other

More About You.

Tell us about yourself.

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Your School Classes. *

List the classes you are taking this school year.

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Your School Activities. *

List the school activities you do during school. Include clubs, memberships, and any officer positions.

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Community and Volunteer activities. *

Briefly list activities you are involved **after** school. Include any clubs are in and any officer roles you have been.

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Hobbies. *

Tell us about your hobbies and interests. *What do you like to do?*

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Work Experiences. *

Briefly list any work experience you have had. This can be paid or non-paid.

Two Letters of Recommendation.

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Recommendation #1: *

Name and email address who will be sending in a letter of recommendation for you. This letter should describe your leadership skills and/or leadership potential. It should **not** be someone who is related to you. *Letters should be emailed to **EXE.DD.Council@okdhs.org**.*

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Recommendation #2: *

Name and email address who will be sending in a letter of recommendation for you. This letter should describe your leadership skills and/or leadership potential. It should **not** be someone who is related to you. *Letters should be emailed to **EXE.DD.Council@okdhs.org**.*

Essays.

Please answer the following questions. Audio and video essays are accepted. You may call to dictate your answers and we will complete the form with you.

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Why are you applying? *

Why do you want to come to the Oklahoma Youth Leadership Forum (OKYLF)?

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Qualifications. *

Why are you are qualified to be a delegate to the OKYLF?

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Your positive influences. *

In terms of leadership, tell us about **2** people who have positively influenced your life. These can be family, teachers, counselors, friends, public officials, or celebrities.

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Your personal experiences. *

Describe **2** important experiences you have had as a person with a disability *(or as a young person around others with a disability)*, and what you learned from those experiences.

Who are your US and State Legislators?

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Your legislators. *

Please list your US and State Legislators. Hint: You should list **5** people.
If you need help, you can find them
here: http://www.oklegislature.gov/FindMyLegislature.aspx

Agreements and Digital Signatures.

Please type your name after each statement.

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Photo/Video Release. *

I permit the DDCO to use my image and/or name in print, web and social media publications.

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Parent/Guardian approval. *

Your typed name below certifies you have discussed applying to the Oklahoma YLF with your Parent or Guardian.

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Everything listed is true and accurate. *

I understand that if any of this information is false, my application may be removed.

The Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma thanks you for your interest in applying to the Oklahoma Youth Leadership Forum. If you have any questions, email Bradley.Mays@okdhs.org.



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