

2022 SUMMER YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

WHAT IS YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (YLA)?

YLA is an intro to learning leadership skills for youth with disabilities. The training consists of five 2-hour sessions. All sessions will be held virtually and are **FREE** to all participants.

YLA is provided by Access 2 Independence, ASK Resource Center, Iowa Department of Human Rights, Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council, and UI Health Care Center for Disabilities and Development.

WHAT WILL STUDENTS LEARN?

The five themes include leadership, goal-setting, self-determination, civic engagement, plus networking and mentoring. All sessions will be interactive.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND?

There are two statewide training sessions during the week—one in the morning and one in the afternoon. YLA is for students ages 14–21. Each session will consist of 8–12 students from Iowa communities. After the interview process, selected students will be assigned to the AM or PM session. (Attempts will be made to honor specific requests.)

WANT TO LEARN MORE? ATTEND AN OPEN HOUSE!

Virtual Open House Dates:

To register, click on the date and time that works best for you.

[WED, May 25 | 4:00–4:30 p.m.](#)

[WED, May 25 | 5:30–6:00 p.m.](#)

[THURS, June 2 | 11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.](#)

WHEN WILL YLA TAKE PLACE?

Trainings: MON, July 25–FRI, July 29

Morning Session: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Afternoon Session: 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

Graduation Ceremony: FRI, August 5

QUESTIONS?

Contact Bill Kallestad

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YLA APPLICATION

ABOUT YOU

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

School Name: _____ Grade as of 01/2022: _____

Will you need any special accommodations or supports to participate?
(Access to computer, internet, etc.)

Why are you interested in attending YLA 2022?

What do you hope to learn?

YLA APPLICATION

ABOUT YOU *(Continued)*

Tell us about your volunteer or leadership experience.

TO BE FILLED OUT BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Yes No I give permission to take photographs/recordings of the applicant during YLA sessions. I grant full rights to use the images for marketing or other purposes.

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Applications are due by June 17, 2022.

Program staff will review applications and interview candidates from June 20–24 and will make final selections on July 1.

There will be a parent orientation after participants are selected (likely mid-July).

E-mail completed applications to bkalles@dhs.state.ia.us.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Name of Applicant: _____

The above-named student is applying to participate in the Youth Leadership Academy. This week-long program provides leadership skill development.

This letter of recommendation may come from teachers, coaches, mentors, youth leaders, employers, school administrators, and others who can speak to the student's candidacy for the academy. *A letter of recommendation is required.*

Name of Referring Person: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

What is your relationship with the applicant? .

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Why is the applicant a good candidate for the Youth Leadership Academy?

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