

**11th Annual
IL Youth with Disabilities Leadership Summit
Lead On!
July 26 - 29, 2009
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Campus**

About the Summit

The Illinois Youth with Disabilities Leadership Summit is an innovative and exciting four-day leadership program for young people ages 17 to 24 that have any type of disability. The Summit will be held July 26 through July 29, 2009 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

There is NO COST TO YOU. That is right, if you are selected to attend the Summit all expenses are paid by the Statewide Independent Living Council of Illinois (SILC). Summit sponsors like the Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities, the Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living and the Illinois Assistive Technology Program make it possible for ***30 young people from all over Illinois to attend this leadership program.*** The Summit covers all meals, transportation, lodging and healthcare costs.

What to Expect

Youth participants at the Summit can expect a whole variety of activities designed to help you grow as a leader. Workshops, a keynote address, a dance and lots social activities are combined to make the Summit as educational and fun as possible.

Am I eligible to attend the Summit?

If your answer is YES to all of the following questions, you are eligible to apply:

- Are you a young adult between the ages of 17 & 24?
- Do you have a disability?
- Do you live in the state of Illinois?
- Do you have a desire to gain leadership skills?

Why should I apply to attend the Summit?

Here are just a few good reasons to come to this leadership conference:

Meet successful adults with disabilities who will act as mentors, and understand living with a disabilities

Make friends with all different types of people with all different types of disabilities

Learn about how to advocate for yourself and others

Learn about the laws that protect your civil rights

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Beckwith Hall, a fully-accessible residence hall for students with disabilities, will play host to this year's Summit. The University of Illinois is known worldwide for providing equal opportunities to students with all types of disabilities. Participants in this year's Summit will get the opportunity to tour the campus and meet with faculty and staff of the Division of Rehabilitation Education Services which provides students with disabilities all the academic accommodations that they need in order to be successful in their college experience.

Questions?

Call Tara Dunning at (217) 744-7777 (V/TTY)

How do I apply to attend the Summit?

1. Complete the [application form](#).
2. Answer the four essay questions.
3. Collect two letters of recommendation.
4. Mail your completed application with the letters of recommendation and essay by June 12th to:

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