



## DEVELOPING YOUNG LEADERS

JULY 12-15, 2021



## Youth Leadership Academy (YLA)

The YLA, formerly known as the Youth Leadership Forum, is a training program held by the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities that seeks to empower youth with disabilities to further develop and demonstrate their leadership skills. Students, serving as Delegates, participate in a wide range of personal, professional, and career development activities, social skills enhancement, small group exploration, and interact with enthusiastic peers and successful role models on the campus of Virginia State University.

### Eligibility

- Have a developmental or other disability
- Be a rising high school sophomore, junior, or senior as of December 2019
- Demonstrated leadership potential
- Reside in Virginia



***COVID-19 Notice: Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this year's Youth Leadership Academy will be held entirely virtually from Monday, July 12 - Thursday, July 15, 2021. We are hopeful a successful vaccine will be distributed widely enough, however, in order to ensure the safety of all participants and staff, this year's program will be delivered completely online. We encourage all applicants to be aware of this change and be prepared to be flexible. The Board will keep all applicants informed regarding any other program changes.***

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