



Junior Partners in Policymaking Student Application

Application for 2021 Summer Program: August 9-13, 2021

APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 1, 2021

Please fill this application out carefully. You may have someone help you complete this application.

How to complete this document electronically: Complete the application. Once your application is completed, press submit and it will be received by the Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council. Make sure to copy and save the document to your computer.

How to complete this document manually: Print this application from your computer. Write in your answers to each question on the application, sign where necessary, make a copy for your records, and mail or fax it to:

Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council
Attention: Stefanie Lancaster
Margaret M. O'Neill Building, Suite 2
410 Federal Street, 2nd Floor, Dover, Delaware 19901
Phone: (302) 739-3333 | Fax: (302) 739-2015 | Email: stefanie.lancaster@delaware.gov

Name: _____ Gender: Female Male Other Prefer not to say

Street Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Date of Birth: _____

*Definition of a Developmental Disability

The term "developmental disability" means a severe, chronic disability of a person which (a) is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or a combination of mental and physical impairments; (b) is manifested before the person attains age twenty-two; (c) is likely to continue indefinitely; (d) results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity: self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living and economic self-sufficiency; and (e) reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or other services which are lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated; except that such term when applied to infants and young children means individuals from birth to age five, inclusive, who have substantial developmental disability or specific congenital or acquired conditions with a high probability of resulting in developmental disabilities if services are not provided.

*Source: Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-402).

Are you a person with a developmental disability*? (See definition above) Yes No

Are you the sibling of a person with a disability? Yes No

If you do have a developmental disability, please complete the questions below.

Describe your disability and how it affects your ability to function in at least (3) of the areas of major life activity: (See part "d" of the definition)

What services/accommodations are you currently receiving?

Describe your education setting:

With whom do you live?

If you do not have a developmental disability, please select one or more of the reasons below explaining why you are interested in applying to this program.

I am looking for a summer program that will help me better understand the perspective of individuals with disabilities for personal reasons or for future employment (in education/ social services/psychology/government/law)

I am looking for a summer program that will demonstrate my broad range of interests and extra-curricular experiences for college applications or post-secondary employment

Other reason(s). Please explain:

What are you hoping to learn from Junior Partners in Policymaking?

Please share any specific issues or areas of concern that encouraged you to apply to this program:

Will you make a commitment to attend the five-day program August 9-13, 2021?

Are you willing to do homework assigned? Yes No

Are there any accommodations you need to participate in this program? Yes No

If yes, please indicate the accommodation(s) that you need:

Attendant [**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING ATTENDANT ARRANGEMENTS**]

Interpreter

Alternative formats for learning materials (e.g. large print, braille) (Please describe below)

Physical accessibility (Please describe below)

Other (Please describe)

Please read this definition of ADVOCACY and complete the following questions:

Advocacy is acting in a purposeful way to help you, another person, and/or a group of people get better treatment in a society. People advocate for many reasons. They can advocate for themselves and their own personal growth at the local, national, and international level to help make the lives of all people better. Advocacy can come in many forms. It may mean talking with legislators to change laws or making speeches to your community about an issue important to you. Junior Partners in Policymaking is about learning how to become an advocate in our society.

If you are a member of an advocacy, school or sports club organization, please list them and indicate any office held. It is important to note that membership is not a requirement for participation in the Junior Partners program.

Have you had any types of experiences in advocating for yourself or other people with disabilities?
If you have, please describe them:

What are your goals for the future based on what you will learn in the program?

How did you find out about the Junior Partners in Policymaking Program?

Are you your own legal guardian? Yes No

Did someone help you complete this application? Yes No

If yes, please provide that person's name, phone number, and email address:

Please list two references:

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Please read the statement below and complete the verification information:

I have read & completed this application to the best of my ability.

Printed name of applicant:

Applicant signature:

Date:

Printed name of parent/ legal guardian (if necessary):

Signature of parent/legal guardian :

Date:

If a parent /legal guardian signature s needed, please provide that person's contact information:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

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