



# The Family Café

The Florida Youth Council  
is a program of  
The Family Café

820 East Park Avenue, Suite F-100  
Tallahassee, FL 32301  
(850)224-4670 voice. (850)224-4674 Fax  
**[www.FamilyCafe.net](http://www.FamilyCafe.net)**  
**[www.FloridaYouthCouncil.com](http://www.FloridaYouthCouncil.com)**



## Thank you for your interest in The Florida Youth Council!

The Florida Youth Council is a group of youth and emerging leaders (age 15-30) with disabilities or special health care needs that live in Florida. We are a program of The Family Café.

The FYC is all about getting youth and emerging leaders involved in self-advocacy, peer mentoring and other activities that will improve the quality of life for youth and emerging leaders with disabilities in Florida. The program provides a mean for youth and emerging leaders to decide what issues are important to their generation, to express those issues in their state and local communities, and to develop strategies to solve them.

We are seeking a group of enthusiastic, motivated youth and emerging leaders to participate. If you would like to take a leadership role in advocating for youth and emerging leaders in Florida, please join us!

### Commitment and Responsibilities

- Participate in monthly Florida Youth Council conference calls of about one hour in length
- Provide articles for our newsletter, *The Noodle*
- Provide Vlog video's twice a month for the YouTube channel.
- Participate in face to face meeting
- Participate at the Annual Youth Summit
- Participate at The Annual Family Café
- Provide advice and input on the Youth Council's various activities
- Participate in Disability History and Awareness activities
- Participate in, or present at, local community events
- Participate in the mentoring of new council members
- Participate in leadership trainings
- Respect other member's viewpoints, opinions and values

Basically, we are asking you to give us all of your energy, ideas and enthusiasm as we move the Florida Youth Council forward. If you want to take a lead role in making a difference for youth and emerging leaders in Florida, and have fun doing it, this is the program for you!

To show your intent to commit to all of the Commitment and Responsibilities of the Florida Youth Council, please fill out the pledge form below.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, pledge to participate fully in the activities of the FYC, to attend all program functions, and to do everything in my power to make the FYC a success.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



---

## Recommendation for the Florida Youth Council

We would like you to get two Recommendations from people that are not members of your family. Please give them this page, and ask them to directly return it to us with a letter on a separate page.

Recommendation Writer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to the Applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you know them? \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us why you think the person you are recommending would be a valuable Contributor to the Florida Youth Council. (Please answer on another page)

---

*Return the completed recommendation to :*

The Family Café  
Attn: The Florida Youth Council  
820 East Park Avenue, Suite F-100  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Thank you very much for recommending this individual for participation in the Florida Youth Council.  
**We appreciate your effort!**



---

## Recommendation for the Florida Youth Council

We would like you to get two Recommendations from people that are not members of your family. Please give them this page, and ask them to directly return it to us with a letter on a separate page.

Recommendation Writer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to the Applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you know them? \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us why you think the person you are recommending would be a valuable Contributor to the Florida Youth Council. (Please answer on another page)

---

*Return the completed recommendation to :*

The Family Café  
Attn: The Florida Youth Council  
820 East Park Avenue, Suite F-100  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Thank you very much for recommending this individual for participation in the Florida Youth Council.  
**We appreciate your effort!**



# Florida Youth Council Application



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender (circle one) M / F

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Disability (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Race (optional)       White (non-Hispanic)       Black (non-Hispanic)       Hispanic

Asian or Pacific Islander       Native American       Other

OK, this part might not sound like a lot of fun, but we have three questions that we would like you to answer so we can get to know you a little. Relax, have fun and be creative! Feel free to attach additional pages, but try to keep your answers to one page per question.

1. Tell us about the activities that you are currently or have been involved with in your school or community?
2. Tell us about some leadership skills that you possess and/or leadership experience you have?
3. Tell us how you are hoping to benefit from being a part of the Florida Youth Council. Also, please tell us about how your participation will benefit the Florida Youth Council?

---

*Return your complete application to:*

**The Family Café**  
**Attn: The Florida Youth Council**  
**820 East Park Avenue, Suite F-100**  
**Tallahassee, FL 32301**

We may call or email you if we want to know more about you. You should expect to hear back from us within a few weeks.

**Thanks for applying!**