



The Virginia Department of Education's *I'm Determined* project, in conjunction with the Partnership for People with Disabilities, invites applications for sponsorship to the Sixth Annual *I'm Determined* Youth Summit at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Youth with disabilities from across the Commonwealth will meet to identify ways to become better advocates and lead more self-determined lives. The selected individuals and a parent/guardian will receive paid registration, dormitory accommodations, travel expenses and meals for the two-day event. A concurrent Parent Summit for the selected participant's parent/guardian will be held at the university. The Youth Summit will start on Monday, June 11, 2012 at 9 am, and will end on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 3 pm. More detailed information regarding the Youth Summit and Parent Summit will be provided upon acceptance of the youth. **Deadline for submission of applications is Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.** Selected youth will be notified prior to April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Please indicate a phone number **and** an email address for youth (over 18) and youth's parent (under 18). **NO ACCEPTANCE LETTER WILL BE MAILED.** Accepted youth or youth's parent will be notified by phone call and/or email.

LOCATION: James Madison University  
Harrisonburg, VA 22807

For information about past Youth Summits:

[www.imdetermined.org](http://www.imdetermined.org)

Application Criteria:

- Young person with a disability, 14 years and older
- Young persons under age 18 **must** have a parent/guardian attend

Application Instructions:

- Complete the application form (essay included)
- Submit applications by email, fax, or postal mail by April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.

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Application

NAME OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S AGE (as of 6/10/12) \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S SCHOOL DIVISION  
(if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO YOUTH \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOMMODATIONS NEEDED FOR YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE (For example: accessible  
dorm room, toileting assistance, interpreter)

ACCOMMODATIONS NEEDED FOR PARENT/GUARDIAN TO PARTICIPATE (For  
example: accessible dorm room, interpreter)

*PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION: FOR YOUTH UNDER 18 AND YOUTH OVER 18  
WHO PLAN TO HAVE THEIR PARENT/GUARDIAN ATTEND*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER (H) \_\_\_\_\_

(W) \_\_\_\_\_

(C) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUTH ESSAY**  
**(MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION)**

Everyone has a unique story; every story is important. We'd like to hear yours. Please respond to the following questions. You may submit a written OR a video response. If you are submitting a video response, it MUST be on a DVD in a format such as mp4 or wmv that can be played on a computer. We cannot accept submissions created in a format for use on DVD only. Please label the DVD with your name, address and school and mail it along with your application.

- How has having a disability impacted your life? Some areas to cite may include - but are not limited to - personal and social, academic (school), goal-setting and independent living. What strategies do you use to help you in areas of challenge?
- Explain a point in your life where you were forced to make some hard decisions about how you viewed and dealt with your disability. How did the decisions you made demonstrate self-determination? How do you use self-determination in your life, both your personal and school or career life?

**WRITTEN RESPONSE: BETWEEN 300 - 1000 WORDS, DOUBLE SPACED,  
12 POINT FONT**

**Please type or write on a separate sheet and attach with this application.**  
**VIDEO RESPONSE: EACH QUESTION MUST BE THOROUGHLY ANSWERED.**

**Please respond:**

Have you participated in the Youth Summit before? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, what year(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in the Youth Leadership Forum? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, what year(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you participate in any other youth related conferences?

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