



**WHAT:** AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TO LEARN SKILLS NEEDED FOR EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, SELF-ADVOCACY, AND INDEPENDENT LIVING.

**WHEN:** DATES FOR 2023 ARE TBD

**WHERE:** THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME! ALL YOU NEED IS A COMPUTER/SMARTPHONE AND INTERNET CONNECTION.

→ **AND IT'S FREE!** ←



**APPLICATION WILL BE AVAILABLE THIS FALL!**

**573-751-2600**

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## **VIRTUAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

### **What is the Virtual Leadership Summit?**

The Virtual Leadership Summit (VLS) is a leadership training for high school students with disabilities, ages 16—21. It's also a chance for students to get a glimpse of our five-day program, the annual Missouri Youth Leadership Forum, which is held at the University of Missouri campus in Columbia. The VLS is hosted by the Governor's Council on Disability, Vocational Rehabilitation, MU Pre-Employment Transition Services, and Paraquad.

### **What are the goals of the Virtual Leadership Summit?**

1. Develop leadership skills to ensure that all youth with disabilities will realize their full potential
2. Develop career strategies that increase the youth's potential for employment
3. Promote inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of society

### **Where and when is the Virtual Leadership Summit held?**

The Virtual Leadership Summit is held virtually and dates for 2023 are TBD.

### **What is the agenda for the Virtual Leadership Summits?**

- Keynote presentations from engaging speakers representing the disability community
- Interactive discussion with a panel of employers sharing tips and tools for the job application process and employment
- Setting goals for life after high school
- Conversations with mentors and leaders from the disability community
- Learn about the benefits of the Missouri Youth Leadership Summit

### **What does it cost to attend the Virtual Leadership Summit?**

The VLS is available to the student delegates at NO COST!

### **What do I need to do to participate?**

To participate, complete the application posted on our website at <https://disability.mo.gov/gcd/vls.htm>

Participants will receive instructions by email on how to join the event

### **What if I have additional questions about the Summit or need help with the application?**

Please call 573-751-2600 or 1-800-877-8249 or email [Rachel.rackers@oa.mo.gov](mailto:Rachel.rackers@oa.mo.gov)  
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Missouri Youth Leadership Summit and Regional Leadership Summits are hosted by the Governor's Council on Disability in collaboration with MU-College of Education, MU-Pre-Employment Transition Service, Paraquad, and Vocational Rehabilitation.

