

MAY 2026 – FEBRUARY 2027

# National Disability Leadership Series

Apply Today! **VIRTUAL** Training on Disability Advocacy and Action for Inclusion in School, Work, and Community

Now more than ever, we need people who will support disability rights. Disabled young people deserve full, inclusive lives. **Apply by February 15, 2026** for the **NATIONAL DISABILITY LEADERSHIP SERIES**.

This is a **fully online** program that lasts 10 months. It includes 100 people: young disabled adults, educators, professionals, and family members. The Series will help you grow as a leader through presentations, community connections, mentorship, and group projects.



## SOME OF OUR PLANNED PRESENTERS



[Elijah Armstrong](#)



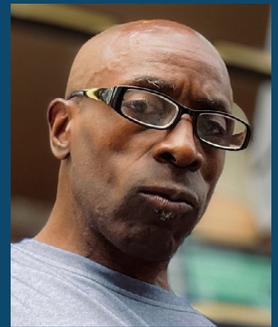
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## YOU ARE ELIGIBLE IF YOU ARE:

- A disabled young adult (age 18 - 30)
- A family member or legal guardian of a disabled youth/young adult (age birth to 30)
- An educator, transition professional, non-profit staff, or other professional who works with disabled youth/young adults.



The Series will include captioning, ASL interpretation, plain language materials, Spanish translation, and additional supports and accommodations as needed.

## WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:

Eight, two-hour, highly interactive sessions:

### MAY 2026

What is a culture of inclusion and belonging?

### JUNE 2026

Creating authentic inclusion in school and community.

### JULY 2026

Community organizing, advocacy, and media/communications.

### SEPTEMBER 2026

Adulting while disabled.

### OCTOBER 2026

Finding meaningful work.

### NOVEMBER 2026

Continued education and lifelong learning.

### JANUARY 2027

Friendships, relationships, intimacy.

### FEBRUARY 2027

Action group report-outs, graduation.

Plus additional gatherings:

- Everyone will take part in personal and group action planning supported by trained facilitators.
- Young adults will have regular, informal mentorship gatherings to connect with disabled leaders/innovators.

## WHAT YOU WILL GAIN:

- Powerful strategies for community organizing and policy change.
- Communications training from professional speakers, writers, influencers, and media makers.
- Groundbreaking resources and tools.
- Mentoring by trailblazers in inclusive education, transition, and disability justice.
- A Certificate of Completion to submit for professional development or educational credit.

Series staff will hold virtual meetups for graduates after the Series ends.

## HOW TO APPLY:

Fill out this form **before February 15, 2026**. Apply in the category that fits you best:

- [Young disabled adult 18-30](#)
- [Family member/guardian of disabled youth age birth to 30](#)
- [Educator, transition specialist, or other professional \(or aspiring professional\)](#)



[Registration information](#)

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