

# CAPE - Youth

CENTER FOR ADVANCING POLICY  
ON EMPLOYMENT FOR YOUTH

We want to hear from YOU! CAPE-Youth is looking for youth, ages 16-24, to participate in our upcoming national working group. Youth will have the opportunity to meet directly with state leaders, travel to conferences and make a change!

CAPE-Youth helps states develop services, laws and programs that improve employment outcomes for youth with disabilities. The Center prioritizes youth voice, and recognizes the importance of having youth at the table to act as leaders, share their experiences and interact directly with policymakers.

CAPE-Youth will gather a working group consisting of 25 legislative and executive branch members and 5-10 youth members. The youth involved in the working group will discuss ideas for addressing issues that youth with disabilities face in their communities and engage with state leaders to improve the transition from high school to employment or college.

***\*\*If you have any additional questions or need accommodations to complete this application, please reach out to [sgeiger@csg.org](mailto:sgeiger@csg.org)\*\****

Name:

Mailing Address:

Age:

Email:

Phone Number:

**Which race, ethnicity, or origin best describes you? [Select all that apply]**

- White
- Hispanic, Latino or Spanish
- Black or African American
- Asian
- American Indian or Alaska Native

- Middle Eastern or North African
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Some Other Race, Ethnicity or Origin

**Are you currently enrolled in school or a training program (e.g., vocational or on-the-job training)?**

- Yes, currently enrolled full-time
- Yes, currently enrolled part-time
- No

**What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed? (If you are currently enrolled in school, please indicate the highest degree you have received.)**

- Less than a high school diploma
- High school diploma or equivalent (e.g. GED)
- Some college, no degree
- Associate's degree or higher (e.g. AA, BA, MA, JD, PhD)

**What best describes your work status?**

- Have never worked
- Not currently working but have worked in the past
- Currently working part-time (less than 30 hours per week)
- Currently working full-time (30 hours or more per week)

**Because of a health condition or disability, do you have serious difficulty with one or more of the following? [Select all that apply]**

- Hearing, even when using a hearing aid(s)
- Seeing, even when wearing glasses
- Concentrating, remembering or making decisions
- Walking or climbing stairs
- Communicating using your usual language (for example, understanding or being understood)

**Questionnaire:**

1. Tell us about yourself. (300 words or less)
2. What is an issue facing youth (ages 16-24) with disabilities in your community that you would like to address? How would you address it? (300 words or less)
3. What skills would you bring to the CAPE-Youth working group? Which skills are you looking to build through this opportunity? (300 words or less)
4. What does leadership mean to you? (300 words or less)

## **Application Check List**

- Complete application form; and
- Attach letter of recommendation.
- Optional: Provide a copy of your resume

Please note that photo release forms will be sent to selected applicants following submission.

**Outlined below are the expectations of youth members. Please initial by each expectation to signify your commitment.**

## **Expectations**

Accepting this honor will require the following commitments:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend all in-person and virtual working group meetings (exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Speak about your experience preparing for the transition from school to work
- \_\_\_\_\_ Review CAPE-Youth documents/resources
- \_\_\_\_\_ Provide a youth's perspective during working group discussions

**2021 Timeline:**

<b>September 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Application opens
<b>October 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Application closes
<b>October TBD</b>	Virtual meeting (2 hours)
<b>November TBD</b>	Virtual meeting (2 hours)
<b>December 13-15</b>	In-person event in San Diego, California*

\*(CAPE-Youth will follow CDC guidance in relation to in-person events)

Youth applicant signature

Parent or guardian signature