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 Fifth Annual *I’m Determined* Youth Summit at the Omni Hotel in Charlottesville, 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, hotel accommodations, travel expenses and meal reimbursements for the two day event. A concurrent Parent Summit for the selected participant’s parent/guardian will be held at the hotel. The Youth Summit will start on Monday, November 7, 2011 at 9 am, and will end on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 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 Friday, September 16th, 2011.**

Selected youth will be notified by Friday, September 23rd, 2011. Please indicate a phone number and an email address for youth (over 18) or 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:** The Omni Hotel  
235 West Main St.  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22902

For information about past Youth Summits:

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 September 16th, 2011.

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Application

NAME OF APPLICANT ____________________________________________

ADDRESS ____________________________________________________

APPLICANT’S TELEPHONE NUMBER __________________________________

APPLICANT’S E-MAIL ___________________________________________

APPLICANT’S AGE ______________________________________________

APPLICANT’S SCHOOL
(if applicable) __________________________________________________

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME ______________________________________

RELATIONSHIP TO YOUTH _________________________________________

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER ____________________________________

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

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DIETARY NEEDS (For example: gluten-free, vegetarian, straws, assistance with eating)

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PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION: YOUTH UNDER 18 OR YOUTH OVER 18 WHO PLAN TO HAVE THEIR PARENT/GUARDIAN ATTEND

NAME __________________________

ADDRESS ____________________________________________________

TELEPHONE NUMBER ______________________________

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. Please discuss the process of reflection you went through, the decisions you made and the results of those decisions.

○ How do you demonstrate and use self-determination in your life? Cite examples from academic (school) and personal areas of your 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:

Did you participate in the Youth Summit in Staunton in November 2010? ______________

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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