

*Empower Tennessee and the Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities  
are presenting a Youth Leadership Academy on June 27 and 28, 2018*

# **I Am Who I Am**

## **(And That's Pretty Cool)**

*The goal for I Am Who I Am is to prepare transition-aged youth  
to take an active role in choosing their own path in post-secondary training, education,  
employment, and independent living*

**This program will be offered at no cost to participants.**

**Application deadline is May 18, 2018.**

### **APPLICATION FORM**

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**First name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION:**

**What is your age?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your current grade?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your gender identity?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your race/ethnicity?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your disability?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you live in an urban or rural community?** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **SHORT ANSWER SECTION**

**(Please use the back of this sheet or an additional sheet if necessary.)**

**Note: If the applicant needs an alternative way to give us this information, please let us know. These responses must be the responses of the youth applicant. We are not looking for perfection – but we do need an accurate representation of the youth’s “voice”, to make sure the applicant will benefit from the program, and the program will benefit from the applicant’s participation.**

**1) Please tell us about a time when you spoke up for your own rights as a person with a disability.**

**2) Please tell us one thing you have learned about yourself as a result of having a disability.**

**3) Please tell us about the challenges you have had participating in your community.**

4) Please tell us what the words “dignity” and “respect” mean to you.

5) Please tell us what you see as your biggest strengths.

**THANKS FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION.**

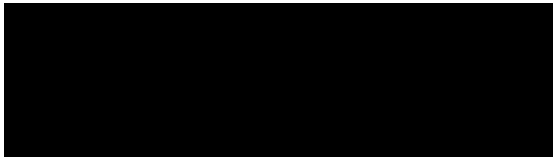
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