2014 Youth Transitions Fellowship (YTF)

The HSC Foundation, in partnership with the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL), is now accepting applications for a paid fellowship position with the organizations’ disability youth transition and collaboration work. This fellowship is ideal for a person with a disability who has an interest in youth career transitions and employment solutions. The fellowship starts in June 2014, and continues for 12 months. Under the supervision of NCIL’s Executive Director, the Youth Transitions Fellow (YTF) will gain exposure to youth programs serving people with disabilities and will have the opportunity to facilitate collaboration among internship, fellowship, and apprenticeship programs based in the Greater Washington, DC area.

Preferred Skills and Qualifications:

- Ability to facilitate collaboration among large groups
- Ability to work with people in all levels of an organization, including young people with a variety of disabilities
- Strong communication skills and strong organizational skills
- Creative and innovative personality
- Familiarity with technology and social networking tools
- Strong interest in youth transition for people with disabilities and organizing.

Eligibility:

College graduate 26-or-younger who self-identifies as an individual with any type of disability is invited to apply. You will not be required to disclose your specific disability; however, your application for this program will signify that you consider yourself a person with a disability. Please Note: This fellowship is specifically for people with disabilities.

Please Provide the Following:

- Please attach your resume in Microsoft Word format.
- Please provide the contact information for four (4) references who are familiar with your qualifications relevant to this fellowship and your personal character.
- Please attach in Microsoft Word format two (2) letters of recommendation from two (2) of the above-mentioned references.

What Happens Next:
• Completed applications received by NCIL before 5:00 PM EST, Friday, April 18, 2014 will be collected and reviewed by our team.
• Semi-Finalists will be contacted for short, preliminary telephone interviews.
• Finalists will be contacted for formal telephone interviews.
• The fellow will be selected and notified by May 15, 2014.
• The fellow must be able to begin work by June 16, 2014.

The HSC Foundation’s National Youth Transitions Center

The HSC Foundation’s National Youth Transitions Center is a collaborative learning community to benefit youth with disabilities and returning wounded veterans. The National Youth Transitions Center, developed by The HSC Foundation, will bring together the resources of multiple organizations to provide much needed transitions related services, research, public policy, best practices, pilot projects, and evaluation so that youth with disabilities can achieve their greatest level of independence. The Center will create a forum to enhance the ability of young people and veterans with disabilities to enter and reenter the workforce, participate in and contribute to community life, and become productive members of society.

The National Council on Independent Living

The National Council on Independent Living is the longest-running national cross-disability, grassroots organization run by and for people with disabilities. Founded in 1982, NCIL represents thousands of organizations and individuals including: individuals with disabilities, Centers for Independent Living (CILs), Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs), and other organizations that advocate for the human and civil rights of people with disabilities throughout the United States.

An outcome of the national Disability Rights and Independent Living Movements, NCIL was founded to embody the values of disability culture and Independent Living philosophy, which creates a new social paradigm and emphasizes that people with disabilities are the best experts on their own needs, that they have crucial and valuable perspective to contribute to society, and are deserving of equal opportunity to decide how to live, work, and take part in their communities.

TO APPLY:

Applications must be received by 5:00 PM (Eastern Standard Time) on or before Friday, April 18, 2014.

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