

TENNESSEE *Employment First* **Leadership Academy Application** *Sept. 4 – 8, 2014* **Deadline to Submit Application: June 16**

We are looking for the next generation of leaders!

The Tennessee Employment First Leadership Academy is a 4-day training between September 4 and 8, 2014, created by the **Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN)** and the **Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities (TCDD)**. This training prepares people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities to advocate for better jobs and services options in Tennessee. We believe that people with disabilities should have real jobs with real pay, just like workers without disabilities.

Training includes:

- Ways to improve job options for workers with disabilities
- Ways to work and advocate with employers, the legislature and other groups
- Finding ways to shift from segregated to integrated work settings
- Learning about benefits and services offered by Social Security and other programs

The training will take place at Scarritt-Bennett Center in Nashville.

Travel and lodging are fully covered for participants.



This training is made possible with support from



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- To apply, you must be a person with an intellectual and/or developmental disability (I/DD), age 18 or older.
- You can type your short answers on this application. If you need more space, you can type your answers on a separate word document. If you need help filling out this application, or would like to submit your application in a different format, please contact **Natalia M. Rivera Morales** at nriveramorales@autisticadvocacy.org or 202-558-4858.
- Email or mail your completed application to **Ned Andrew Solomon** by 11:59 pm on **JUNE 16**.
 - **If you want to email your completed application, send your file to ned.solomon@tn.gov with the subject line “2014 TN Academy”**
 - **If you want to mail in your completed application, send it to:**
Ned Andrew Solomon
Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities
Davy Crockett Tower, 1st Floor
500 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243

Contact information for questions about the training:

Contact Persons for Autistic Self Advocacy Network:

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615-532-6556

APPLICATION FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Street Address: _____ Apt/Suite: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

What is your race/ethnicity? _____

What is your age? _____

What is your gender? _____

What is your disability? _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Did you go to college? (It's alright if you didn't!)

If you went to college, where did you go?

Did you ever receive job training or vocation rehabilitation?

Do you have a job?

If you have a job, what is it?

SHORT ANSWER SECTION

- 1) Please tell us about a time when you defended your own rights as a person with a disability.

- 2) Please tell us about a time when you defended the rights of other people with disabilities.

- 3) Please tell us your thoughts about the problems people with disabilities deal with when looking for work.

- 4) Please tell us your definition of a good job with good pay.

- 5) What do you think needs to change to improve job opportunities for people with disabilities?

- 6) Our goal is to find and support leaders with disabilities. Please tell us about your skills that would make you a leader.