**The Patricio “Pat” Figueroa, Jr. Sponsorship**

*Sponsorships for Young Adults with Disabilities to Attend Leadership Trainings*

*This sponsorship is named in honor of Patricio “Pat” Figueroa, Jr., a recognized leader and advocate of people with disabilities. In 1978, Pat founded the first Center for Independent Living (CIL) in New York State-the Center for Independence of the Disabled in New York (CIDNY). The network has since grown to over forty centers. He was the co-founder of the 504 Democratic Club and publisher of the national disability newspaper, Independence Today. Pat helped train and mentor numerous individuals over the years. For young advocates looking to become future leaders, he is someone to look up to as they learn and strive to reach their ultimate goals.*

The New York State Independent Living Council, Inc. (NYSILC) is looking to conduct outreach to young adults with disabilities between the ages of 18 to 28 (or younger with the consent of a parent/guardian) with demonstrated leadership potential. Specifically, NYSILC will support young leaders by providing the Patricio “Pat” Figueroa, Jr. sponsorships for young adults with disabilities to attend and participate in independent living related conferences and/or national disability and leadership trainings during each year of the State Plan. Sponsorships of up to $250 each will be awarded to youth based on cost and need. **Please respond to all questions on the application. Enter N/A for a question that is not applicable. Complete applications are needed to make decisions regarding the sponsorships.** Electronic format is preferable and allows equal access for NYSILC members to easily review the information. If you have any questions related to the application, contact the NYSILC office at (518) 427-1060 (Voice/TTY), 1 (877) 397-4126 (Toll Free NYS Only), (518) 427-1139 Fax, or [bradw@nysilc.org](mailto:bradw@nysilc.org). **Return completed applications to:** [bradw@nysilc.org](mailto:bradw@nysilc.org)**.**

I. Background Information: (Young adult with disability must be between the ages of 18-28 and reside in New York State)

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

Age:

I have attached a resume that summarizes the information not provided below.

School/College Currently Attending (List name):

Current Employer (List name(s), dates of employment, and position(s):

Current Volunteer Opportunities (List name(s) of place(s) where you currently volunteer):

Affiliations with Disability Rights Organizations (List name(s):

References (List name, address, and phone number) of one business/professional/educational and one personal reference in the space provided below:

* Business/professional/educational reference with contact information:
* Personal reference with contact information:

***Use the bold or underline functions to indicate your answers. Write comments in space provided when appropriate. Please respond to all questions****.*

**Questionnaire**

1. Briefly describe the training program you attended (Who sponsored it, who led it, what were the goals or objectives, what topics were addressed)? (Explain in the space provided below)
2. Were the trainers knowledgeable about their subject?

□Yes □No □Not sure

1. Was the training useful to you?

□Yes □No □Not sure

1. Were the materials/products useful to you?

□Yes □No □Not sure

1. Do you think the training and or materials will help you to improve your leadership skills?

□Yes □No □Not sure

1. Briefly describe what you learned at the training that was most helpful to you and how you think you will put this into practice. How will it improve your leadership skills? (Explain in the space provided below)
2. What other positive experience can you share about the event: (Explain in the space provided below)
3. Were accessible accommodations provided to your satisfaction (i.e., physical access, accessible formats, interpreter services, real time captioning, etc.)?
4. Are you interested in participating in the NYSILC Youth Leadership Subcommittee?

□Yes □No □Not sure

1. Given your experience, are you willing to participate in activities in your community, sharing what you learned, and/or learning more yourself? Check appropriate opportunities:

□ Join a youth advocacy group in your area.

□ Volunteer at your local independent living center.

□ Join or start a youth peer support group.

□ Present on the topic your event discussed in your community.

□ Other (Explain in space provided below):

1. How did the event you attended change your outlook on youth with disabilities? (Explain in the space provided below)
2. Given your experience, would you attend future events supporting disability advocacy?

□Yes □No □Not sure

1. Additional Comments: (Explain in the space provided below)

Email your complete questionnaire back to [bradw@nysilc.org](mailto:bradw@nysilc.org)

**NYSILC Thanks You for Your Time and Feedback!**