



Help USICD Send Our Youth Delegation to the United Nations

Investing in the Next Generation of Global Disability Rights Leaders

In June 2026, the United States International Council on Disabilities (USICD) will send its Youth Advisory Committee, emerging disability rights leaders from several

countries to New York City to participate in the United Nations Conference of States Parties (COSP) to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

This youth-led delegation represents the future of global disability advocacy. Members will engage in a full week of high-impact activities, including:

- Participating in UN COSP side events and discussions
- Meeting with Country Missions to the United Nations and other government representatives
- Connecting with international NGOs and disability rights organizations
- Attending networking events with global leaders
- Presenting their own ideas and initiatives shaped through their work with USICD
- Meeting with the companies to learn about global responsibility and explore opportunities for youth participation in their work

These experiences provide unparalleled exposure to international policymaking, diplomacy, and cross-cultural leadership, skills that will shape their long-term impact in the disability rights movement.

Our Fundraising Goal: \$65,000

To make this opportunity accessible to all youth delegates, USICD is raising **\$65,000** to cover essential costs, including:

- Air and train travel
- Hotel accommodations
- Meals and daily stipends
- Attendant and care support

- Ground transportation
- USICD staff coordination and on-site support

Every contribution directly supports young disabled leaders who are committed to advancing inclusion, equity, and human rights on a global scale.

Why Your Support Matters

Youth with disabilities remain underrepresented in international decision-making spaces. By supporting this delegation, you are:

- Expanding access to global leadership pathways
- Ensuring diverse youth voices are heard at the United Nations
- Strengthening the next generation of disability rights advocates
- Investing in long-term, sustainable leadership development

Your generosity helps remove financial barriers so these young leaders can fully participate, contribute, and grow.