

Youth Enrichment Services Announces 2008 Richard Williams College Scholarship Program for 17- to 19-Year-Old Boston Residents

*Application Deadline May 15; Four-Year Scholarships
Range From \$2,500 to \$5,000 Per Year*

BOSTON – April 15, 2008 – Youth Enrichment Services (YES), a non-profit that offers low- and moderate-income Boston area kids outdoor and practical learning activities, today announced that it has begun accepting applications for the 2008 Richard Williams College Scholarship Program.

Named after YES' Founder Richard Williams, two college scholarships will be awarded in August 2008 to 17- to 19-year-old Boston residents who are potential leaders, and need financial aid to attend higher education. These four-year scholarship awards include one for \$2,500 and the other for \$5,000 per year. The application deadline is May 15, 2008.

To be eligible, applicants must have participated in a Youth Enrichment Services' program and embody the values that Youth Enrichment Services teaches. Requirements include the following:

- Enrolled in a public or private high school and is a Boston resident.
- Age 17-19 and a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Participated in a Youth Enrichment Services' program
- Demonstrates high character, academic promise to continue his/her education beyond high school at a college, university, or trade school and is committed to community service
- Has a specific financial need

"We are very proud of the young people who won scholarships in past years and look forward to giving this year's winners the chance they deserve to attend college," said Mary Williams, president of YES. "Through a generous donor we are able to provide this financial opportunity for kids who may not otherwise be able to afford college."

Applications can be obtained from the download area at YES' website: www.yeskids.org or by calling 617-267-5877.

About Youth Enrichment Services (www.yeskids.org)

Since its founding in 1968, Youth Enrichment Services (YES) has helped more than 100,000 low- and moderate-income Boston area youth build self-esteem and foster life-long respect for themselves, others and the environment through participation in outdoor and practical learning activities. Research shows that YES kids who remain committed to the program over time -- serving as junior counselors and volunteers -- graduate high school, attend college and obtain jobs at a higher rate than their peers. YES also helps local youth agencies and schools offer challenging programs to reward and motivate their members/students. YES is unique in taking kids out of their familiar urban environment and challenging them with both summer and winter outdoor activities such as skiing, hiking and biking. YES is a 501(c)3 educational institution and is registered with the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office of Public Charities.

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