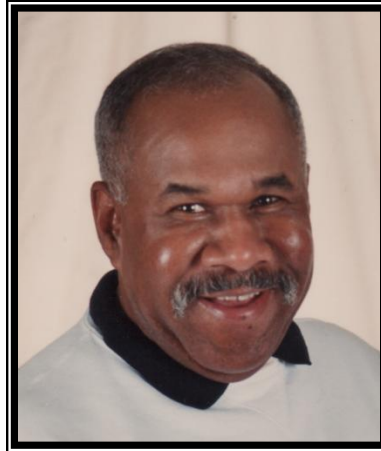




YOUTH ENRICHMENT SERVICES

RICHARD WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2017 INFORMATION



The Richard Williams Memorial scholarship is an annual award presented to a graduating high school senior or GED recipient who has been a consistent, active member of Youth Enrichment Services. The youth selected for this scholarship must be enrolling in an accredited post-secondary institution starting in the fall of the same year as their high school graduation or receipt of the GED.

ELIGIBILITY

- Enrolled in a public or private high school.
- A US citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- A consistent and active participant in the YES Program.
- Attend at least 3 one-on-one sessions with the college prep fellow and be actively enrolled in at least 1 YES Academy program.
- Excellence in community service and willingness to serve.
- Evidence of academic effort.
- Spirit of caring, belief in self and others.
- Has a specific financial need.
- Availability to be interviewed between April 10-April 28, 2017

HOW TO APPLY

- Complete an application for the Richard Williams "Believe and Achieve" Memorial Scholarship (You can download the application at www.yeskids.org).
- A 500 word personal essay telling the Scholarship Committee something unique, special, or important about the person you are and your commitment to community service.
- Two letters of recommendation from school counselor, principal or teacher on official letterhead.
- An official high school transcript.
- Verification of one-on-one counselling with college prep fellow
- Financial Aid award letters*
- A resume, which includes honors, awards, extracurricular activities, community service, and employment.

SELECTION PROCESS

- **All applications must be received by 5:00pm Friday March 17, 2017. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.**
- The application, personal essay, College Prep verification, letters of recommendation, transcript, and resume may be emailed to yesacademy@yeskids.org or mailed to:

YES Academy

Youth Enrichment Services

412 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA 02118

- Announcement of the recipient of the Richard Williams Memorial Scholarship will be made after May 1, 2017

ABOUT RICHARD WILLIAMS

Richard Williams BELIEVED and ACHIEVED! He believed that each young person was an asset; he also believed that the pursuit of post-secondary learning was one key to a brighter future.

Richard Williams lived his belief and founded YES. While he did not achieve more than an 8th grade education, Richard realized that education was a key to unlocking dreams. Growing up in New York City, he was a leader at the Harlem Boy's Club and went on to work for the Congress of Racial Equality-CORE. In response to President Lyndon Johnson's war on poverty, Richard came to Boston in 1965 to work with the President's Council for Youth Opportunities and then the Mayor's Youth Activities Commission. In 1968, he founded Youth Enrichment Services.

Richard was a loved and respected member of the Boston community for more than 35 years. During this time, he touched the lives of hundreds of young people, families and individuals through his mentoring, caring and belief in their God-given talents and abilities. He was a long-time friend and mentor to everyone. Richard's smile and genuine love and kindness for others were infectious. Richard was a true gentleman to everyone.

Richard passed away suddenly at the age of 62 on March 30, 2002 while planning for a celebration event at the end of the ski season. Richard survived by his wife, Mary Crowther-Williams, his two sons, Richard Williams II and Mark Williams, and their mother Norma Williams and his mother, Marie King, of New York, NY.

"Believe and Achieve" was Richard's mantra. When asked why he believed in helping others, Richard would say, "You can open the horizons of children who think they can't by showing them they can!"

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

YES is a Dollars for Scholars Chapter, a partnership with Scholarship America. As an affiliate, our Richard Williams Memorial Scholarship recipients may receive opportunities for additional financial aid benefit. For more information on Dollars for Scholars go to http://scholarshipamerica.org/dollars_for_scholars.php.



Richard Williams Memorial Scholarship 2017 Application

Checklist

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- 1. The 5 pages of the application form are filled out completely, accurately, and neatly.
- 2. 500 word personal essay telling the Scholarship Committee something unique, special, or important about the person you are and your commitment to community service.
- 3. At least 2 letters of recommendation, on letterhead which includes telephone number and email.
- 4. A high school transcript.
- 5. Verification of one-on-one counselling with College Prep fellow
- 6. Application includes a separate resume which identifies my history of (a) awards (b) school and non-school extracurricular activities (c) community service (d) employment.
- 7. Financial Aid Award letters*
- 8. The best telephone number to reach me is: _____
The second best telephone number is: _____

I certify that I am enclosing herein a completed application, cover letter, resume, transcript recommendations, and personal essay and that all references will be postmarked no later than.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Legal Guardian (if under 18)

Date



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Section I- Contact Information

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

Local Telephone Number: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Section II- High School Information

High School Name: _____ High School GPA: _____

Graduation Date: _____ SAT Score(s): Reading _____ Math _____ Writing _____

Section III- College Information

School you hope to/will be attending _____ Have you been accepted? _____

Type of institution (check one) ___ 2-Year Community College ___ 4-year College/University ___ Trade/Vocational

Will you be living (check one) ___ On Campus ___ Off Campus ___ With Parents?

Financial Aid Award letter attached? If no please list expected tuition and schools estimated date for award letters

2nd choice school _____ Have you been accepted? _____

Type of institution (check one) ___ 2-Year Community College ___ 4-year College/University ___ Trade/Vocational

Will you be living (check one) ___ On Campus ___ Off Campus ___ With Parents?

Financial Aid Award letter attached? If no please list expected tuition and schools estimated date for award letters

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3rd choice School _____ Have you been accepted? _____

Type of institution (check one) ___ 2-Year Community College ___ 4-year College/University ___ Trade/Vocational

Will you be living (check one) ___ On Campus ___ Off Campus ___ With Parents?

Financial Aid Award letter attached? If no please list expected tuition and schools estimated date for award letters

Section IV General Information

What is your intended major or area of study? _____

What do you want to do when you complete college? _____

Are you a first generation high school graduate? _____ Are you a first generation college student? _____

Any additional information you would like to share with the committee that is not reflected in your application or essay?



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Applicant Certification and Indemnification

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As a YES Scholar winner, I hereby certify that:

1. I have answered all application items honestly and to the best of my ability. I understand incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
2. I understand that I am required to provide YES a copy of the financial aid award letter of the school I will be attending.
3. I understand that this scholarship payment may be used only for accredited post high school colleges, universities, and trade schools. I understand I must submit to YES a certified copy of my diploma or a letter on High School stationary that I have graduated in June, 2017.
4. I understand that the payments will be distributed as scholarships towards my tuition, fees, room and board as determined by the Scholarship Committee. I understand it is my responsibility to provide YES with a tuition bill in order to facilitate this payment.
5. I understand that the scholarship payment will be used for only those expenses listed on a U.S. or Canadian post-secondary school semester bill, including tuition, fees, room and board. I understand I will lose the scholarship, if I drop out of school.
6. I understand that I am required to submit to YES my college/university official transcripts each semester that is covered by the scholarship I must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
7. I understand I must be a full time matriculated student to receive this award.
8. I understand I must complete a Dollars for Scholars profile in order to receive scholarship funds.
9. I indemnify YES. (seek legal counsel)
10. I agree to adhere to all of the terms and conditions of my scholarship as determined by the YES scholarship committee, if I am selected.
11. I understand if selected I will need to complete the Dollars for Scholars online registration.
12. **Release of Information:** By signing this application, I hereby (i) formally authorize any individual of any portion of this document to provide information of any kind whatsoever requested by Youth Enrichment Services or any of its employees, or representatives, and (ii) forever release any of the entities or individuals seeking or providing any such information from any and all claims or damages that I may actually/do sustain as a result of seeking or providing such information.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

(if applicant is under age 18)