

AT A GLANCE

"YES showed me that there was a world beyond the three big streets and one freeway that surround Lennox, [Los Angeles, CA]. YES also showed me the opportunities available for me beyond Lennox. YES gave me something to live for, it showed me the door to higher learning. And for that, I am infinitely grateful."

- Stephany Subdiaz, YES Scholar and Senior at UC Santa Cruz

Program Overview



Since 1998, YES has inspired the future leadership of America by empowering underserved students in Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, and Appalachia to capitalize on education and optimize career opportunities. Growing by 60 new candidates each year, we are currently serving more than 500 students and their families from elementary school to graduate school.

We offer a proven approach for academic and professional success. YES identifies young leaders from low-income communities and equips them with the resources, support, and academic skills required for success through high school, college, and career.

From neighborhoods where 65% of students drop out of high school and only 8% enter any post high school program, 95% of YES scholars go on to attend the finest universities in the country. More significantly, 95% of these students graduate. Below are some of the institutions our Scholars have been accepted to:

Colleges

Amherst College **Brown University**

Cal Poly (San Luis Obispo,

Pomona)

Carnegie-Mellon University

Case Western Reserve University

Claremont McKenna College

Columbia University Cornell University Dartmouth College

Duke University Emory University

Harvard University

Loyola Marymount University

New YorkUniversity Oberlin College

Pratt Institute

Princeton University

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rhodes College Skidmore College Smith College Stanford University Syracuse University Union College UC Berkeley

UC Irvine

UC Los Angeles

UC San Diego

University of Chicago

University of Maryland University of Michigan

University of Pennsylvania University of Puget Sound

University of Richmond

University of Southern California

Washington University, St. Louis

Wellesley College

Weslevan University

West Point

Williams College

Yale University

Secondary Schools

Phillips Andover Academy

Archer School

Asheville Boarding School

Brooks Academy

The Cate School

Chadwick School

Choate Rosemary Hall

Deerfield Academy

Evanston Township

HSMSE at CCNY

Lab Schools at UChicago

Lawrenceville School Loomis Chaffee Academy

Marlborough School

Phillips Exeter Academy

Pritzker Prep

Wildwood School

Windward School

The Beacon School

Internships & Employment

Columbia University Medical Center

Goldman Sachs

HBO

Mandalay Entertainment

Marmol Radziner

Morgan Stanley

NBC / Universal

Northrop Grumman

Apple

Toyota Engineering

United TalentAgency

UCLA Neuroscience

J-Crew

Real D

Honors & Awards

John Kluge Scholarship Fulbright Scholarship

Milken Scholarship

QuestBridge Scholarship

Gates Millennium Scholarship

Posse Scholarship

Rogers Scholarship

How we help our Scholars Succeed

YES provides continuous and personalized support for our Scholars

\$75+ million

in combined financial aid and scholarships disbursed to our scholars, to date.

YES also raises private funds to cover tuition balances not covered by scholarships.

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Average ACT score of YES students following a twelve-week Compass Education Test Prep Course and the Green Test Prep Online Program.

This is 8 points higher than the national average.

Underwriting Tuition for Middle School Summer Programs

- · Four-week programs held at our YES offices to prepare students for the Independent School Entrance Exam and the demands of high school.
- · Five-week boarding school programs at Exeter, Choate, and Loomis Chaffee.
- · Summer classes & programs at local Universities

Intensive Preparation

- · Engaging middle school students twice a week at their public schools.
- · Fostering critical thinking, writing and language skills development.
- · Honing skills through disciplined debate and discussion.

College Counseling and ApplicationAssistance

- · Tailoring individualized approaches for each **YES** scholar.
- · Conducting writing workshops for personal statements and scholarship applications.
- · Underwriting costs of college tours and application fees.

Internship and Career Placement

- Developing rapports with renowned companies and institutions.
- · Conducting Resume and Cover Letter workshops.
- · Providing access to summer internships and salaried positions.
- · Introducing **YES** scholars to industry leaders from media, engineering, finance, and healthcare.

Essential Medical Costs

YES has provided access to both doctors and medicine otherwise unavailable to our families and crucial to the success of their children.

Access to Summer Experiences

Transportation and living expenses are often the only obstacles for students who win scholarships to highly competitive summer programs. **YES** assists in covering these costs as they arise.

"Every one of the **YES** applicants has been competitive in every respect . . . YES knows their kids well and is an honest and informed advocate for them. Every **YES** applicant has been well informed as to what makes Columbia a good fit for them." - **Peter V. Johnson**, director of undergraduate

admissions at Columbia University