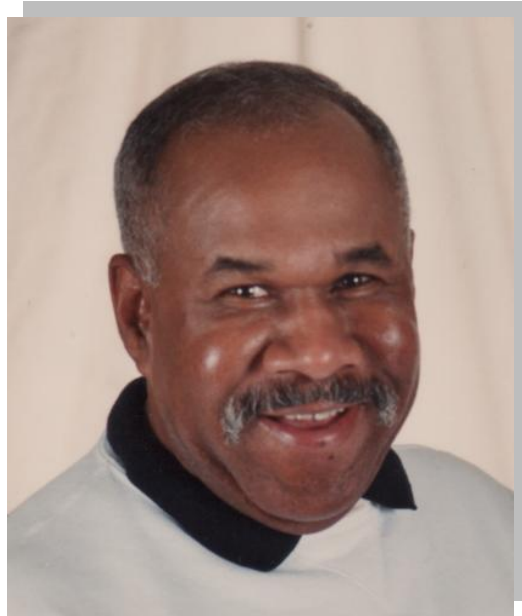




YOUTH ENRICHMENT SERVICES RICHARD WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2012



The Richard Williams “Believe and Achieve” 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 two out of the three College Application Process & Financial Aid workshops offered by YES. Contact YES for more information.
- 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.

HOW TO APPLY

- Complete an application for the Richard Williams "Believe and Achieve" Memorial Scholarship (You can download the application at www.yeskids.org).

- Attach a cover letter to the application addressed to the Scholarship Committee describing your desire for this scholarship.
- A two-page, double-spaced personal essay telling the Scholarship Committee who you are and why you are passionate about community service. Please tell us something unique, special, or important about the person you are.
- Two letters of recommendation from school counselor, principal or teacher on official letterhead.
- An official high school transcript.
- A resume, which includes honors, awards, extracurricular activities, community service, and employment.

SELECTION PROCESS

- **All applications must be postmarked by April 13, 2012. Late, incomplete, or faxed applications will not be accepted.**
- The cover letter, personal essay, letters of recommendation, transcript, and resume must be sent to:

**YES Academy Director
Youth Enrichment Services
412 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA 02118**

- Announcement of the recipient of the Richard Williams “Believe and Achieve” Scholarship will be made after June 1.

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 was survived by his wife, Mary Crowther-Williams, his two sons, Richard Williams II and Mark Williams, and their mother Norma Williams. He also is survived by 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.