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## **Urban Youth Empowerment Series**

### **EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION**

Dear Young Achiever!

Congratulations, you have been invited to participate in a new program, offered by the Urban League of Nebraska, entitled the Urban Youth Empowerment Series (U-YES).

This program, at no cost to you or your family, is being offered to assist you with achieving success! The purpose of U-YES is to provide youth and young adults with employment, educational and community service opportunities. Program offerings include GED training, ACT preparation, youth conferences, job readiness, resume' building and more.

The Urban League and the U-YES program staff look forward to bringing you this opportunity and hope that you will join us this year and beyond.

There is limited space available in the program, so don't miss out! To receive an application for the U-YES program simply contact Ricky Smith, U-YES Coordinator at 451-1066 x39 or visit our website at [www.urbanleagueneb.org](http://www.urbanleagueneb.org) to get an application.

We welcome you and look forward to having you in the 2008-2009 Urban Youth Empowerment Series!

Sincerely,

Ricky Smith  
U-YES Program Coordinator



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## **Program Overview**

The Urban League of Nebraska (ULN) is now administering an Urban Youth Empowerment Series (U-YES) program for youth (ages 15-18) and young adults (ages 18-21) residing in the Omaha/Douglas county metropolitan area.

### **Bridging the gap**

The Urban Youth Empowerment Series will be a model of collaboration and cooperation between organizations, by presenting workshops and sessions designed specifically to bridge the gap from education to employment. U-YES will illustrate how community agencies can engage our young adult population with viable programs and activities.

### **Who can be involved?**

Recruitment will be for 200 At-risk, in and out of school youth and young adults who face barriers to staying in school or finding stable employment. This would include pre-adjudicated and post-adjudicated youth. Outreach will include contact with parents and guardians, communicating with schools and youth development organizations along with coordinating with juvenile probation officers, foster care providers and faith based institutions.

### **Three main components**

U-YES will incorporate three major components for youth to achieve success: Education, Employment, and Civic Engagement.

#### - Education

The education component will provide access to tutoring and remedial learning, computer technology, and ACT and SAT test preparation training. This supplemental engagement and exposure for the student will increase their involvement and success in high school.

#### - Employment

The employment component will allow the participant to gain job readiness skills such as interviewing and resume writing and instill the proper attitude and demeanor to retain employment. It will also provide access to on-the-job training, internships, and part-time jobs.

#### - Civic Engagement

The final component of the program is civic engagement, which will provide opportunities for youth to participate in and lead activities that are meaningful to them and the community. The projects will develop team building and leadership skills as well as draw on and hone in on the natural talents of our youth.

# Urban Youth Empowerment Series U-YES program

PLEASE PRINT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M F

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Grade Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity: (circle one) Black/African-American Hispanic Caucasian Asian/Pacific Islander Other

Do you belong to another Urban League Program Y/N Are you a United States Citizen? Y/N

Number of Dependents: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you receive any Government Assistance? Y/N

## PARENT INFORMATION (IF UNDER 18)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARTICIPANTS CRIMINAL BACKGROUND:

Do you have any misdemeanors/felony convictions? Y/N If yes please explain.

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Are you currently on probationary status? Y/N

## WHAT SERVICES WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE FROM THE U-YES PROGRAM?

\_\_\_ GED/HS Diploma \_\_\_ Re-enrollment \_\_\_ Employment Opportunities \_\_\_ Community Service \_\_\_ Vocational Training \_\_\_  
Resume Writing \_\_\_ College Preparation \_\_\_ Career Preparation \_\_\_ Job Training

What Careers are you interested in?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

## PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE:

School, Media, and Record Release "I hereby consent to the release of my/my child's records including but not limited to transcripts, grade reports, test scores, attendance records, and court recommendations and other information in regards to his/her/my participation in the U-YES Program. I hereby give the Urban League of Nebraska and the U-YES program consent to use pictures/images (still or in motion) of me/my child for the use of the Urban League of Nebraska's Marketing & Public Relation materials. The information in this application is completed and true to the best of my knowledge

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Parent Signature (if under 18)

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Date