WHAT IS YLS?
The YLS provides an opportunity for GEAR UP students from across the nation to (1) participate in dynamic leadership training modules, (2) enhance their ability to communicate effectively, (3) develop the capacity to work effectively in teams, and (4) create meaningful connections with other students. It is held in conjunction with the NCCEP/GEAR UP Annual Conference.

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS
Eligible students include rising 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders, as well as rising college freshmen. All students should be involved in GEAR UP programming, excited to fully participate, able to behave appropriately in an adult conference setting, welcome moderate physical activity and long training hours, and display leadership qualities inside and outside the classroom.

APPLICATION PROCESS
The YLS is open only to GEAR UP students. The GEAR UP director must complete a request for their student(s) to participate, and the request must be approved by NCCEP. Each grant may request up to 8 student slots. Approved grants will receive more information about how to complete enrollment for their students.

PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES
In addition to costs, GEAR UP programs are responsible for (1) selecting students, (2) submitting forms and registering students, and (3) securing a dedicated chaperone for students. Chaperones are not required to register for the conference unless they plan to participate in any programs such as the Parent Leadership Institute.

COSTS
The following costs are the responsibility of the GEAR UP grant:
• Fee ($850 per student)
• Travel for student and chaperone
• Lodging for student and chaperone
• Meals not covered by registration, and any additional planned activities