



## SUMMER SCHEDULE

### Monday August 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Y.E.S! Participants Check In/Arrival at University before noon
- Y.E.S! Welcome Reception.
- Y.E.S! Educational Workshops & Activities

### Tuesday August 4<sup>th</sup>

- Y.E.S! Educational Workshops & Activities
- Group Rehearsal for Welcome Ceremony
- Group Interaction with NBDA Officers, Representatives, and Board Members

### Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup>

- Y.E.S! Performance at Welcome Ceremony of the NBDA Conference
- Y.E.S! Educational Workshops & Activities
- Y.E.S! students will have lunch with Miss Black Deaf America
- Educational Activity - Black Deaf History
- Family Fun/Game Night at Hyatt Regency Louisville

### Thursday August 6<sup>th</sup>

- Y.E.S! Educational Workshops & Activities
- Field Trip
- Entertainment Night at Hyatt Regency Louisville

### Friday August 7<sup>th</sup>

- Y.E.S! Educational Workshops & Activities
- Exhibit Hall at Sheraton New Orleans Hotel
- Fellowship with Black Deaf and Hard of Hearing College Students
- Miss Black Deaf America Pageant at Hyatt Regency Louisville

### Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup>

- NBDA General Meeting & Election
- NBDA Conference Banquet & Awards
- Y.E.S! Group Performance at NBDA Conference Banquet & Awards at Hyatt Regency Louisville

### Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

- Check out

**\*\*Schedule is subject to change\*\***



To request 2015 YES! Application, or question, please contact:

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For more information about YES! Summit, please visit [www.nbda.org](http://www.nbda.org)



**August 3—9, 2015**



**America's first and only summer training and leadership program designed for the deaf and hard of hearing African-American youths**

In conjunction with the  
27th National Black Deaf Advocates  
National Conference



As a non-profit organization, **National Black Deaf Advocates (NBDA)** was formally established in 1982 to promote cultural, educational, economic, political, and social advancement of Black Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals. Since 1982, NBDA holds its annual conferences (now bi-annual conference after 2005) where everyone learns and understands the impact of Black Deaf and Hard of Hearing concerns and issues. NBDA realized that there was a strong need for a summer program offered for Black Deaf and Hard of Hearing youths in conjunction with the NBDA conferences.



2013 Y.E.S.! at NBDA conference in New Orleans, Louisiana with 18 youth participants and 3 peer advisors.

**The summer youth program welcomes youth participants, ages 13-17, who seek to improve their self-esteem, and leadership and motivational skills. Moreover, they look up to Peer Advisors and consider them as their role models. There will be various activities, events, and workshop during a seven-day period where both youth Participants and Peer Advisors get together to learn and understand NBDA's history and significant Black Deaf and Hard of Hearing issues. On August 3 —August 9, 2015, it will coincide with NBDA's 27th National Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. It is a great privilege that both Youth Participants and Peer Advisors meet with NBDA officers, board members, members, pageant contestants, and black deaf leaders.**

#### Y.E.S! Objective

- **To promote leadership development among Black Deaf and Hard of Hearing youths and young adults.**
- **To increase cultural self-esteem by exposure to Black Deaf and Hard of Hearing role models and**
- **To increase familiarity and knowledge about NBDA and contributions of Black Deaf and Hard of Hearing**
- **To promote excellence in their academic and career endeavors.**
- **To have a great time with peers from different states.**

#### The YES! Experience

##### Youth Participants

Youths must be between the ages of 13 and 17 and Deaf or Hard of Hearing. We do not discriminate on the basis of race. The application is due on June 8, 2015 along with the total fee of \$650.00. Youths' parents, schools, and/or organizations will be responsible for their own transportation

##### YES! Peer Advisor

Y.E.S. seeks to recruit young male adults and young female adults whose positive characteristics conducive for youths have been testified through an interview and recommendations. They benefit from the opportunity to serve as role models, and they learn hands-on leadership, organization, and counseling skills. Peer advisors must be young, Black, Deaf and/or Hard of Hearing adults, age 18 to 30. The application and two letters of recommendations along with the specific fee for Peer Advisor is due on June 8, 2015. Peer Advisors will be responsible for their own transportation arrangements. Contact [youth@nbda.org](mailto:youth@nbda.org) for specific fee of Peer Advisors.

##### Transportation, Lodging & Meals

Youth Participants will be arriving in New Orleans, LA by car, bus, train, or airplane. Youth Participants will be picked up and escorted with their Peer Advisors on Monday, August 3rd 2015. On Sunday August 9th, 2015, all Youth Participants will be dropped off at airport, bus or train station before noon.

Youth Participants will be staying at a college dormitory or hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. The exact location of lodging will be determined. Youth participants will be in separate boy or girl rooms with their Peer Advisors

Youth Participants will be provided three well-balanced meals daily. The official meal plan will begin with lunch on Monday, August 3rd, 2015 and end with breakfast on Sunday August 9th, 2015.