The Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) occurs synchronously with the NCCEP/GEAR UP Annual Conference, which takes place July 14-17, 2019 in San Francisco, California. Students will (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 student across the nation. The program will culminate with a presentation to the GEAR UP community at the Wednesday morning plenary.

APPLYING
To secure student participation in the YLS, grants must reserve slots. The reservation period to request slots for the 2019 YLS will open on January 14, 2019. The maximum number of slots is 8 per grant. GEAR UP grants are invited to submit their requests using an online form that can be found on the YLS webpage. The form will be available beginning January 14. Grants will need to provide the number of slots they are requesting, (2) contact information for the point of contact as well as the GEAR UP director, and (3) city and state. We operate on a first-come, first-served basis, and slots tend to fill up quickly.

ELIGIBILITY
Eligible students are rising 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th graders, and rising college freshman as of July 14, 2019 who are eligible for GEAR UP services. Students who have previously attended the Youth Leadership Summit are not eligible to attend in 2019.

GEAR UP PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES:
Cost
All grantees are required to register students and pay the $850 fee for each student. Registration includes three breakfasts, three lunches (Monday – Wednesday), and one dinner (Tuesday). GEAR UP grantees are responsible for covering travel, lodging, and other meals for students not covered by the registration fee.

Chaperoning
NCCEP will provide professional trainers and staff to oversee the students when YLS is in session. However, GEAR UP grantees are responsible for providing designated chaperones for supervision of students when the YLS is not in session and when a student is not able to participate in the training. Click here for a draft schedule. GEAR UP grantees are responsible for the conference registration fee, travel, food, and lodging for their chaperones. If a parent is a chaperone and s/he will not participate in any part of the annual conference, they do not need to register. Acceptable chaperones include GEAR UP directors, GEAR UP coordinators or other program staff, Parent/guardians, other adults at least 21 years of age deemed appropriate by the student’s parent/guardian and GEAR UP director.

Selecting Students
Each grantee is responsible for screening and choosing the students they want to send to YLS. This includes selecting students who are ready, interested, and able to actively participate in a 3.5-day, national training program that involves travel, overnight stays in a hotel, peer-to-peer learning, and various trainers and types of experiential learning. GEAR UP programs are responsible for submitting student information and authorization forms to NCCEP.

Please email Tyrec Grooms, Program Associate, with any questions.