Dear Applicant,

The Abbott Leadership Institute Youth Media Symposium (YMS) is pleased to have you apply to participate in the fall-spring session, 2016-2017, of the ALI Youth Media Symposium.

YMS develops student leaders in schools and the community by introducing Newark students, ages 13-18 to education advocacy, historical literacy and the art and science of using digital media technology as a tool for social change. Over the last ten years, YMS students have done some amazing things – spoken at statewide and national conferences, won national media contests, served on citywide leadership boards (including the Newark Public Schools Advisory Board) won college scholarships and, in 2015, opened the YMS College Success Centers around the city of Newark. Our students don’t just learn leadership skills; they apply them to make their schools, city and world better.

YMS meets twice a week (Monday and Wednesday) 4pm-6pm during the school year. Occasionally there are activities on other dates, which we will notify you of ahead of time. We are located at 110 Warren Street, Newark, NJ 07102. We emphasize the importance of reporting on time to ensure your participation in this program. While you do not have to attend every class, we do expect you to be present at least twice a month.

YMS students earn community service hours. You need community service hours in order to graduate from high school. Our summer program, which begins in July of every year, is a paid opportunity. Students in participate during the school year will have first chance at the summer program.

To learn more about us and to stay informed on social media, we invite students and parents to like our Facebook page, Youth Media Symposium, our center page, YMS College Success Centers, and to join our Facebook group, Youth Media Symposium – Members Only.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to call 973.353.3520 or email the Program Coordinator at kaleenab@rutgers.edu. Applications can be returned in person, via email to newarkyms@gmail.com or faxed to 973-353-1622.

Again, we welcome you and look forward to an exciting, creative and impactful school year.

Sincerely,

Kaleena Berryman

Abbott Leadership Institute Program Coordinator

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ALI Youth Media Symposium

Fall 2016 Application – Return to Kaleena Berryman, kaleenab@rutgers.edu or fax 973.353.1622. May also bring application in person.

**Student Information:**

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Have you been a part of YMS in the past? [ ] Yes [ ] No How many years have you been in YMS: ____________________________

YMS operates on 4 committees. Please choose ONE primary committee: [ ] Organizing [ ] Media [ ] Communication [ ] College Success

How did you learn about YMS?

- [ ] Referral from YMS student
- [ ] Presentation at your school
- [ ] Presentation at a program you attend: ____________________________
- [ ] Attendance at a YMS sponsored event
- [ ] Guidance Counselor/ Teacher referral
- [ ] Referral from another youth program: ____________________________
- [ ] Other: ____________________________

**Parent/Guardian’s Information:**

| Name: __________________ Email: __________________ Best Contact Number: __________ |

Parent Signature for Consent and Social Media Release: ____________________________

(by signing you consent to your child’s participation in the program and pictures for use on our social media)