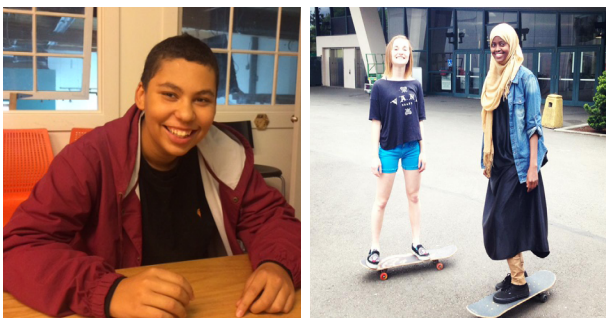


# YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SKATEBOARDING

Since 2011, Youth Employment Skateboarding (YES) has provided a fun and unique leadership opportunity for teens to make a positive impact in their community.

## MISSION

Providing young people the opportunity to earn service hours, gain work experience, and make a positive impact in their community through skateboarding.



*"Through YES, I've gained opportunities I wouldn't have gotten anywhere else. I particularly like helping at Ladies Nights."*

– Desmond Hayes, YES member

## WHY JOIN?

- Gain "real world" job experience
- Attend trainings to gain skills
- Build your resume
- Find new friends
- Teach Skateboarding
- Go on an epic End of Service trip
- Have fun
- Make a positive impact

## F.A.Q.

### WHAT IS YES?

YES is short for **Youth Employment Skateboarding**. It is a one-of-a-kind skateboard-centric volunteer program that has been operating since 2011.

### WHEN DO YOU ACCEPT APPLICANTS?

Applications for YES are accepted twice per year. For our School-year cohort, applications are open in September. For our summer program, applications open in March.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

Applications are hosted at [www.skatelikeagirl.com](http://www.skatelikeagirl.com).

### HOW OLD DO YOU HAVE TO BE?

YES members can be between the ages of 12-18.

### DO YOU GET PAID?

YES members are not paid for their time, however, YES alumni can apply for jobs with Skate Like a Girl or other skate program providers. Currently, over half of Skate Like a Girl's staff are YES alumni.

### WHY SHOULD I VOLUNTEER?

Volunteer service is typically a graduation requirement for high school, and also looks great on college applications and resumes. Also, it's a great opportunity to learn job skills, make new friends, and support your local skate scene.

## CONTACT

Apply today at [www.skatelikeagirl.com](http://www.skatelikeagirl.com)

Contact: [yesprogram@skatelikeagirl.com](mailto:yesprogram@skatelikeagirl.com)

Phone: 1-800-401-0195



**NEED SERVICE HOURS?  
WE GOT YOU.**



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## EARN SERVICE HOURS

As a YES member, you will be tasked with volunteering a minimum of 50 hours. Cohort members can earn service hours by teaching skateboarding lessons, supporting skate events, taking photo/video, as well as various other opportunities. These service hours can be used for school, club, or other requirements. If you log 50+ hours during your term, you are eligible to attend out End of Service skateboarding road trip!



*"YES allowed me to use skateboarding to empower others, and to become a positive role model. Additionally, the YES program gave me the opportunity to serve my community in a way that was meaningful to me."*

– Kwame Salmi-Adubofour, YES Alumnus



## WORK EXPERIENCE

By joining YES you'll learn what it takes to hold down a job. As a cohort member you'll practice scheduling, professionalism, email communications, among other employment basics. You'll learn more through trainings such as Financial Literacy, Creating Safer Spaces, CPR/1st Aid, and Resume Writing. Alumni commonly use mentors they meet through YES as references for future jobs and letters of recommendation for college applications.



*"The YES program helped me build my resume, gain professional references, and helped me improve my communication skills."*  
– Devin Briggs, YES Alumna



## POSITIVE IMPACT

As a YES member you will be introducing thousands of people to skateboarding and supporting the mission of Skate Like a Girl, through accessible lessons, camps, and events. Since 2011, over 200 YES members have collectively donated more than 10,000 hours of time.



*"The YES Program supports the work of Skate Like a Girl in providing accessible skate programs, creating a safe, inclusive, and intergenerational community, which would otherwise not exist. YES members are youth leaders, modeling positivity, patience, and kindness, which contributes to the community we are building here in Seattle."*

– Nancy Chang, Skate Like a Girl Board Chair and Founder of the YES Program