The ***Word Wide*** **Youth Leadership Board (YB)** has been a cornerstone of our organization since 1999, and is an opportunity for our young poets to grow as artists, mentors, educators and leaders. YB is another pre-professional, creative development program geared to elevate youth's creative craft and provide them with several professional skills. Youth Board teaches peer to peer workshops, produce several open mic series, and are the face for and to the youth community at Urban Word NYC. The YB helps drive all programming at UW and keeps our work relevant and impactful to the thousands of teens we serve each year. YB members are the torchbearers of our movement. There are many responsibilities of YB members, and also numerous opportunities that only YB members get to take advantage of. This sheet details those opportunities and the commitments of YB members.

Deadline: Applications can be e-mailed to Shannon Matesky (shannon@urbanwordnyc.org), or dropped off at our office by Friday, May 27th at 6 PM. **May 27th is the FINAL DEADLINE**.

(please use as much space as needed for each question)

NAME: **AGE**: **M/F**?:

ADDRESS: **CITY**: **STATE**: **ZIP**:

PHONE: **EMAIL**:

SCHOOL (if any):

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:

Days & times available during school hours:

Days available after 4 p.m.:

How have you been involved with Urban Word NYC? What have you participated in so far?

- ◻ First Draft Open Mic
- ◻ Brooklyn Open
- ◻ Uptown Open
- ◻ Urban Word New York City Slam
- ◻ Youth Poet Laureate
- ◻ On-Site Workshops
- ◻ Off-Site Workshops
- ◻ Page to Stage
- ◻ Journal to Journey
- ◻ Other: _____

What languages do you speak aside from English, if any?

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Have you participated in any community-based/leadership projects? If so, which ones?

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Preferred medium of expression: (poetry, dance, visual art, rap, theatre, etc.)

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Tell us about your skills – what are you good/great at that we don't know about?

- ▫ graphic design
- ▫ drawing
- ▫ painting
- ▫ street poetry
- ▫ selling stuff
- ▫ computers
- ▫ photography
- ▫ screen printing
- ▫ video production
- ▫ audio production
- ▫ mediation
- ▫ community building
- ▫ fundraising
- ▫ workshop design
- ▫OTHER:

What do you write?

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Why do you write?

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As a community of young writers and creators what do you think you can you collectively offer to the cultural landscape of New York?

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Why are you interested in being involved as a Word Wide Youth Board member? Please give 3 reasons.

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If you could imagine a special project or campaign for Urban Word NYC, what would your vision be? Answer this in any way you want.

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What makes a person a good leader? Which of these assets do you already have? Which of them will you need to work on?

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What does Culture Keeping mean to you? What do you like about the UW culture would you like to keep?

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What kinds of projects and tasks would you be interested in doing?

- ◻ Social-justice campaigns
- ◻ Marketing and outreach
- ◻ Teaching and mentoring
- ◻ Performances
- ◻ Grant-writing
- ◻ Print/ video/ sound production
- ◻ Visits to schools and community sites
- ◻ Other_____

Is there anything else we should know about you for the consideration of this program?

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Any Questions?

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How did you hear about the Word Wide Leadership Board?

- ◻ YB member
- ◻ Teacher
- ◻ UW Staff or Mentor
- ◻ Event
- ◻ Other_____