



# THE UNMET NEED GRANT PROGRAM

## 2009 STUDENT APPLICATION CERTIFICATION AND INCOME STATEMENT

TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT SIGNATURES

APPLICATION POSTMARK DEADLINE **MAY 31, 2009**

**APPLICANT** Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

**INCOME** In the space provided, please enter the combined family income from all sources (wages, assistance, and benefits) for 2008 (if you are an independent student, please use your own income.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Do Not Leave Blank)

Do you live with both parents?  Yes  No  Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an independent student (i.e. self supporting)?  Yes  No

Are you married?  Yes  No

Number in household (including applicant/parents/siblings/children/spouse etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION** I acknowledge decisions of NEED are final. I certify that I meet the basic eligibility requirements of the program and the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information may result in the termination of any scholarship I am granted. I  permit  do not permit NEED to release my contact information to various organizations and companies that are seeking to hire skilled workers. I authorize NEED to share information with affiliate organizations for the purpose of determining eligibility for other scholarship opportunities. I also authorize the Financial Aid office of my school to release to NEED information on my financial aid status, and I authorize the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency to release information contained on any financial aid application filed with PHEAA. This information will remain confidential.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature (if applicant is under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail all materials postmarked by May 31, 2009 to: NEED, 332 Fifth Avenue, First Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15222



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### THE PROGRAM

The NEED Scholarship Fund will provide \$750,000 in 2009-2010 to help meet last dollar needs of low-income students through the Unmet NEED Grant Program. These grants are intended to supplement the financial aid package, not replace aid students have been granted via other scholarships, grants, and loans.

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply to the Unmet NEED program, the student must –

- Be a United States citizen,
- Be a resident of one of the following counties for one year prior to entering a school or college: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, Washington or Westmoreland,
- Demonstrate unmet financial need of at least \$1,000 after the financial aid award package has been determined,
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0, and
- Be a high school senior or graduate planning to enroll, or a student already enrolled in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited postsecondary institution.\*\*

\*\* Approved accredited institutions are defined as Title IV eligible, accredited, postsecondary two- or four-year colleges or universities, vocational, or technical schools in the United States.

### AWARDS

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive an award ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,500. Awards are not renewable, but students will be given a verification form each year that will confirm their enrollment status and that they meet the eligibility requirements for the next year. This form will serve as an application for a grant for the next eligible year. Students must respond to all NEED requests for verification and transcripts in order to be eligible for a new grant. Grant amounts are evaluated for each student and may vary for each year depending on individual need and available funds.

### APPLICATION

Interested students must complete the

- **NEED Application** and mail it along with the following required documents:
- **Current, complete transcript of grades – Any one of the following:**
  - Official transcript of grades
  - Unofficial transcript that includes the student and school's name
  - Student-generated online transcript that includes student and school's name (Grade Reports are **NOT** acceptable)
  - GED Test score results
- **Individual Wallet Size Photo** (Your photo becomes the property of NEED and will not be returned). Only submit a photo if this is your first time applying to NEED.

***The application and all required supporting documents MUST be mailed to NEED IN ONE ENVELOPE postmarked by May 31, 2009.***

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all required materials in one envelope. Materials sent separately will not be considered. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by NEED.

**SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS**

Grant recipients are selected on the basis of all eligibility criteria and demonstrated unmet financial need. Selection of recipients is made by NEED. In no instance does any officer or trustee of NEED play a part in the selection of the unmet NEED grants.

Applicants will be notified by the end of July. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients. Students may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements by responding to the requests for verification from NEED.

NEED will notify grant recipients at the home address provided. Recipients who do not respond back with the required student acceptance form after two notification letters from NEED will forfeit their award to an alternate recipient.

**PAYMENT OF GRANTS**

Payment is made in two installments (September and February). The check is mailed to each recipient's school and is made payable to the school for the student.

**OBLIGATIONS**

Recipients are required to supply NEED with transcripts at the end of each academic year that they receive NEED grants, and to notify NEED of any changes of address, school enrollment, or other relevant information. Failure to notify NEED of any of these changes may result in the forfeit or delay of an award.

**REVISIONS**

NEED reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this grant program and to make changes at any time including termination of the program.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Questions regarding the Unmet NEED Grant Program should be addressed to:

**NEED**  
**Student Services Department**  
The Warner Centre  
332 Fifth Avenue, First Floor  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
Telephone: 412-566-2760  
Email: [atyler@needld.org](mailto:atyler@needld.org)  
Webpage: [www.needld.org](http://www.needld.org)