



## THE UNMET NEED GRANT PROGRAM

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### THE PROGRAM

The NEED Scholarship Fund will provide funding in 2017-2018 to help meet last dollar needs of low-income African American 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 an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) less than \$5,000 [Based upon the EFC calculation from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)],
- 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. 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

**First time applicants must complete & submit the following;**

- **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
- **A 200 word typed essay on “Why you want to pursue your post-secondary education?”**
- **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.

**Previously awarded applicants must complete & submit the following;**

- **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

***The application and all required supporting documents MUST be mailed to NEED IN ONE ENVELOPE postmarked by May 31, 2017.***

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

**Only eligible 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 completing the Unmet Need application 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 January). 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 Law and Finance Building  
429 Fourth Avenue, 20th Floor  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219  
Telephone: 412-566-2760  
Fax: 412-471-6643  
Email: [rbrooks@needld.org](mailto:rbrooks@needld.org)  
Webpage: [www.needld.org](http://www.needld.org)

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**2017 STUDENT APPLICATION**



TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT SIGNATURES

APPLICATION POSTMARK DEADLINE **MAY 31, 2017**

**APPLICANT DATA**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_  
Permanent Home Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment # \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
County \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years you have lived in SW Pennsylvania \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you a U.S. citizen?  Yes  No (Note: Only U.S. students are eligible for this scholarship)  
Are you registered to vote?  Yes  No  
Please indicate your status (For statistical purposes only)  Male  Female  
Are you the first member of your family to attend college?  Yes  No  
Have you filed for a NEED grant prior to this year?  Yes, in (year) \_\_\_\_\_ for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (enter "0" if no support)  
 No  
Have you completed the **2017-18** Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)  Yes, Date Filed \_\_\_\_\_  No  
Are you married?  Yes  No Are you an independent student (i.e. self supporting)?  Yes  No (go to next section)  
**If yes, how many dependents? \_\_\_\_\_ (skip next section)**

**PARENTAL DATA**

Do you live with both parents?  Yes  No Number in household (including applicant/parents/siblings/children) \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address(if different from yours) \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment # \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
County \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell Phone(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**INCOME**

In the space provided, please enter the combined family income from all sources (wages, assistance, and benefits) for **2016** (if you are an independent student, please use your own income.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **(Please Do Not Leave Blank)**

**SCHOOL DATA**

High School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_ or  GED  
Name of the college you plan to attend for the **2017-2018** academic year. **Use official school name**, not an abbreviation.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 yr. College or University  2 yr. Community or Junior College  Vocational-technical School  
Student will be enrolled:  Full-time  Part-time **Current Cumulative GPA** \_\_\_\_\_  
Anticipated Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_ Intended Major \_\_\_\_\_  
Year in School for **2017-2018**: (circle one) 1 2 3 4 5 or Graduate

Area(s) of Interest  
\_\_\_\_\_

Plans After Graduation  
\_\_\_\_\_

**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 \_\_\_\_\_