



THE UNMET NEED GRANT PROGRAM

THE PROGRAM

The NEED Scholarship Fund will provide funding in 2018-2019 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, 2019.

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
Webpage: www.needld.org

THE UNMET NEED GRANT PROGRAM
2018 STUDENT APPLICATION



TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT SIGNATURES

APPLICATION POSTMARK DEADLINE **MAY 31, 2019**

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 **2018-19** 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 **2017** (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 **2018-2019** 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 **2018-2019**: (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** 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 _____