



# LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

We are pleased to announce the 2025-2026 NEED Leadership Fund will provide; \$5,000 NEED Leadership Scholarship(s) (\$1250 a year for 4 years), \$1,000 NEED Achiever Scholarship(s) (one time award) and Special Scholarship(s) (one time award & amount to be determined) to deserving, qualified African American graduating high school seniors.

If you are interested in the NEED Leadership Scholarship, please visit your guidance counselor to inquire if you meet the requirements to be nominated.

**Deadline for nominations: November 15, 2024**



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**Eligibility for NEED Leadership Scholarship**  
Applicant must meet the following criteria:

- A recommended student must have a minimum unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.5  
*(Please note the SAT score is no longer a requirement.)*
- Demonstrate leadership and excellence as exemplified through academic achievement and extracurricular activities, including commitment to community service.
- An *African American* student attending an accredited high school in Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington or Westmoreland County.
- Resident in one of the counties listed above for one (1) year prior to entering an accredited post-secondary institution.

**Applicant Submission Requirements:**

- NEED Leadership Scholarship Application
- Complete High School Transcript (grades 9 through the 11<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Extracurricular Activities Form
- School Counselor Recommendation
- Community Leader Recommendation
- Required Wallet Size Professional Photo in High Resolution(300 DPI)

The NEED Leadership Scholarships will be awarded at the **62<sup>nd</sup> Annual NEED Benefit Dinner**. If you have students to nominate, please submit the requested information on the enclosed nomination roster and return it to NEED no later than **November 15, 2024**. Upon receipt of the completed nomination form, the NEED Leadership Scholarship application packet will be mailed directly to the student. (Note: Students applying for the scholarship must submit the completed application computer scanned & emailed to [rbrooks@needLD.org](mailto:rbrooks@needLD.org) or sent via US Postal certified mail directly to NEED by **December 13, 2024**.)

For more information please contact Rhonda Brooks, NEED Student Services Department [rbrooks@needLD.org](mailto:rbrooks@needLD.org).



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### 2025-2026 NEED Leadership Scholarship Nominee List

HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ PRINCIPAL \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S NAME (Contact Person) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list students that meet the eligibility requirements for the NEED Leadership Scholarship (Completed nomination forms must be emailed to Rhonda Brooks [rbrooks@needid.org](mailto:rbrooks@needid.org) by the Guidance Department by November 15, 2024. Please see the enclosed eligibility requirements.

PLEASE NOTE: THE SAT SCORES ARE NO LONGER A REQUIREMENT. THE NOMINATED STUDENT MUST HAVE AN UNWEIGHTED GPA OF 3.5 OR HIGHER.

| NOMINEE | GPA<br>UNWEIGHTED | Mailing Address | Email Address | Telephone |
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