



# **Youth Energy Leadership Award**

## **2020 Application Packet**

Deadline: April 30, 2020

# **NEED YOUTH ENERGY LEADERSHIP AWARD**

## **BACKGROUND**

The NEED Project will present the Youth Energy Leadership Award to up to two students each year. Up to two \$1,500 awards will be granted for use for college tuition and expenses to deserving students who have demonstrated outstanding energy leadership, knowledge, and an interest in continuing their energy studies for the purpose of seeking a career in energy. Each year, at least one award will be given to a student who plans to enter the energy field or public service related to energy.

## **EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP**

This award is designed to honor students demonstrating effective leadership skills and energy knowledge throughout their association with NEED.

The following are examples of traits the award committee will consider as it chooses recipients of the awards:

- An effective leader who leads by example and is well respected by his or her peers.
- An encouraging facilitator who serves as a team leader.
- A leader who creates excitement and motivates others to accomplish great things.
- A leader who demonstrates energy awareness at home, school and in the community and educates others about energy.
- A student who is knowledgeable about energy and has taken the time to not only be a leader of energy activities but has developed a knowledge base about energy and important energy issues.
- Graduating high school seniors or current first or second year college students.
- A student showing interest in pursuing a career in the energy field.

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- Candidates must be:
  1. Graduating high school seniors with plans to attend college or technical school or
  2. Currently enrolled first, second or third year college/technical school students
- Candidates must be actively involved in NEED activities – workshops, Youth Awards for Energy Achievement, and NEED classroom programs are just a few examples.
- Candidates must actively participate in NEED programs in the classroom and when possible with NEED state and national programs.

## Application Procedures

Candidates should postmark applications no later than **April 30, 2020**. **Applications must contain the following items:**

1. One stapled copy of the application packet
2. Two recommendations (1 page each). A minimum of *one recommendation must be from a NEED Project teacher/advisor*. They may also be emailed directly to [mspruill@need.org](mailto:mspruill@need.org).
3. Email one high quality digital photo to Mary Spruill at [mspruill@need.org](mailto:mspruill@need.org).

*Return the original application, recommendations, and photo*

via email to:

Mary Spruill, Executive Director

[mspruill@need.org](mailto:mspruill@need.org)

Subject Line: "2020 Youth Energy Leadership Award"

or via mail to:

Mary Spruill

NEED Youth Energy Leadership Award

The NEED Project

8408 Kao Circle

Manassas, VA 20110

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***Note: Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.***

# Energy Leadership Award - Section 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of High School/College  
\_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

Or

Name of Tech School/College \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/ School Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Years involved in NEED programs \_\_\_\_\_

Which higher education institution do you attend or plan to attend?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

What field are you planning to pursue? \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 2. LEADERSHIP ASSESSMENT

Please rate *yourself* in the following areas by circling the appropriate number by each category.

### Rating Scale:

**1 = outstanding   2 = excellent   3 = very good   4 = good   5 = average**

Leadership skills	1	2	3	4	5
Communication skills	1	2	3	4	5
Energy Knowledge and academic ability	1	2	3	4	5
Enthusiastic outlook	1	2	3	4	5
Ability to work in a group setting	1	2	3	4	5
Creativity	1	2	3	4	5
Consistency of effort in studies and/or extracurricular activities	1	2	3	4	5
Attitude toward fellow students	1	2	3	4	5
Attitude toward teachers /mentors	1	2	3	4	5
Independence of ideas	1	2	3	4	5

### **Section 3: PERSONAL INTERESTS**

Please limit your response for each question to 50 words or less.

- A. Do you feel you have made a difference in your high school and/or community NEED program? How?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. What extra-curricular high school activities and leadership positions have you held? (List)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. How did the knowledge gained through NEED prepare you to be an effective leader? Do you consider the energy knowledge gained to be important to your future plans?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- D. What is the greatest challenge you have had to overcome while in a leadership position?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- E. In what aspects of energy are you most interested and engaged? Provide details.

#### **Section 4: ENERGY LEADERSHIP ESSAY**

In 500 words or less, discuss how the skills and knowledge you have developed while involved with NEED have changed you and your approach to everyday life and the energy decisions you must make. Be very clear about the lessons you have learned in relation to energy. Share how you have changed the attitudes, actions or opinions of others as well.

By signing this application, I certify that the information I have provided is accurate and that I will report any changes in this information to NEED as soon as possible. If selected, I will attend the June 29, 2020 NEED Youth Awards. You must be present to receive the award. (Expenses will be paid by NEED.)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## ***ENERGY LEADERSHIP AWARD*** **RECOMMENDATION FORM – Two are required**

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of applicant) is applying for a leadership award, based on his/her leadership in energy education and community programs. Please complete the following questions and rating scale to the best of your ability. (A letter including this information may be sent in lieu of this form) THANK YOU for your time in completing this form. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Spruill, Executive Director at The NEED Project at (800) 875-5029. Please return this letter to the student to submit with their application.

1. Recommender name \_\_\_\_\_ Your phone( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 School/Organization address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

2. Relationship to this student \_\_\_\_\_

3. In what way does the applicant exhibit leadership qualities and energy knowledge inside or outside of class?

4. Why do you feel the applicant is a strong candidate for this award?

5. How does the applicant show leadership in energy education? Please site specific examples.

6. Please estimate the extent to which the applicant demonstrates the qualities listed below.

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Communication skills	1	2	3	4	5
Energy Knowledge	1	2	3	4	5
Ability to work in a group setting	1	2	3	4	5
Commitment to academics	1	2	3	4	5
Attitude toward fellow students	1	2	3	4	5
Attitude toward teachers	1	2	3	4	5