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*Dr. Marcia Sturdivant
President and CEO*

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 11th grade)
- Certification and 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 **63rd 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 14, 2025**. 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 or sent via US Postal certified mail directly to NEED by **December 12, 2025**.)

For more information please contact Rhonda Brooks, NEED Student Services Department rbrooks@needLD.org.



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2026-2027 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 African American students that meet the eligibility requirements for the NEED Leadership Scholarship (Completed nomination forms must be emailed to Rhonda Brooks rbrooks@needld.org by the Guidance Department by November 14, 2025. 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 UNWEIGHTED	Mailing Address	Email Address	Telephone
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