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## **BACKGROUND**

The Youth Awards Program combines academic competition with recognition to acknowledge everyone involved in NEED during the year – and to recognize those who achieve excellence in energy education in their schools and communities. The students and teachers set goals and objectives, and keep a record of their activities. In April, the students submit a scrapbook of their efforts. The winning projects are invited to come to the Awards Program weekend and ceremony in Washington, D.C. at the end of June.

The NEED Project emphasizes the “Kids Teaching Kids.” NEED calls on student leaders from across the United States to assist on the Youth Awards Program staff. Students that serve on the Youth Awards Program staff will arrive one day prior to the conference and depart the day after. The students on Youth Awards Staff are familiar with the NEED Project and its mission and have used the program in their classrooms. The Youth Awards Staff should exemplify leadership skills, desire to share energy knowledge, and represent the NEED mission of Kids teaching Kids.

## **EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP**

The Youth Awards Staff members demonstrate effective leadership skills and energy knowledge throughout their association with NEED.

Potential candidates are:

- Effective leaders who lead by example and is well respected by his or her peers.
- Encouraging facilitators who serve as a team leader.
- Leaders who create excitement and motivate others to accomplish great things.
- Leaders who demonstrate energy awareness at home, school and in the community and educates others about energy.
- Students who are knowledgeable about energy and have taken time to not only be a leader of energy activities but have developed a knowledge base about energy and important energy issues.
- Students who excite the winners attending the Youth Awards Program both in activities and conversation.

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Candidates must:

1. Actively participate in the planning and implementation of NEED workshops, in-services, conferences or programs and be involved in NEED in the classroom.
2. Be able to travel from to and from Washington D.C. unaccompanied via airplane or train.
3. Represent NEED with professionalism, honesty, and commitment.

## **Application Procedures**

Many activities and commitments can arise before June 2011. Candidates should postmark applications no later than **December 17, 2010**.

### **Applications must contain the following items:**

1. Application (3 pages)
2. Teacher/NEED Leader recommendation (1)
3. One photo.

*Return the original application, recommendation, and photo to:*

Attn: Samantha Forbes  
Fax #: 1 (800) 847-1820  
Email: [sforbes@need.org](mailto:sforbes@need.org)

Or Mail to:  
Youth Awards Staff Application  
The NEED Project  
P.O. Box 10101  
Manassas, Virginia 20108

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## **Section 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION** (Type or print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Cell Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

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

School phone number (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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

School Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ (apartment, campus housing)

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

Name of NEED Teacher(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of workshops and energy activities staffed (indicate year and location)

\_\_\_\_\_

## 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
* 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. You may use the back if needed.

A. Have you made a difference in your high school and/or community about energy? Explain.

B. 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?

C. The Youth Awards Program requires a number of diverse activities and skills to have the weekend run smoothly. Some of these activities include banquet decoration, singing songs, public speaking, taking photos, and more. Please list some of your interests to help the committee determine the best placement while on staff for the Youth Awards Program. If you have special skills, feel free to share that information in this space as well.

D. Is there anything else the committee needs to know about you while reviewing your application for Youth Awards Staff 2011?

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. I understand that if I am chosen to be on the Youth Awards Staff I am committing to be available from June 23, 2011 until June 28, 2011. I understand that if I am chosen to be on staff and I decide not to attend the conference, I will reimburse NEED for any cost (i.e. flights, hotel, etc) incurred for my participation.

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Signature

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Date

## **NEED Youth Awards Program Staff RECOMMENDATION FORM**

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of applicant) is applying to be part of the Youth Awards Staff for the National Energy Education Development Program, based on his/her leadership in energy education and community programs. It is an honor for students across the United States to be role models and leaders for over 500 teachers and students participating in this event. 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 Samantha Forbes at The NEED Project at (800) 875-5029. Please return this letter to NEED via fax at 1 (800) 847-1820 or by email to [sforbes@need.org](mailto:sforbes@need.org). Feel free to share any additional comments not covered by these questions.

1. Your 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 honor and responsibility?

5. How does the applicant interact with his/her peers? Please site specific examples.

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

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