



## Press Release

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Cheyanne Higgins, Valley High School, Pine Grove, West Virginia  
Recognized for Youth Energy Leadership

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Manassas, Virginia – The NEED Project is pleased to announce Cheyanne Higgins of Valley High School in Pine Grove, West Virginia is a 2023 recipient of the NEED Youth Energy Leadership Award. The Youth Energy Leadership Award was created by NEED's Board of Directors to recognize students who go above and beyond in their pursuit of energy knowledge and in the teaching of others. "Cheyanne's knowledge, skills and long-time engagement on all things energy education make her the perfect candidate for this award", said NEED's Executive Director Mary Spruill.

The award includes a \$1,500 scholarship to be used for her post-high school educational plans. Cheyanne has been accepted to Marshall University and intends to pursue a pre-med degree. The award will be given at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual NEED Youth Energy Conference & Awards in Washington, D.C. on June 27, 2023. Cheyanne is an active participant on NEED's Youth Staff for the Youth Energy Conference and Awards and will be a conference intern in June of 2023.

Her nomination from teacher Leslie Lively said this, "Cheyanne has always been a leader in the Engineer Energy Kids. She has always been willing to lead fundraisers, events and sessions as needed. She is looked up to by many students at the high school and elementary school. Cheyanne goes above and beyond in everything that she does."

In Cheyanne's own words, "Seeing where I am in my life today my involvement with NEED has shaped me into the person I have become. NEED has made me more of an outgoing person, seeing things from a different angle, and bringing my qualities that have been there to a brighter light."

Besides her love of energy education, Cheyanne is a cheerleader, a school Future Farmers of America officer, a member of the archery and basketball team, and is a featured baton twirler in the band.

Congratulations to Cheyanne!

For more information about the NEED Project and the NEED Youth Energy Leadership Award, please call Mary E. Spruill at (703) 257-1117, fax at (703) 257-0037 or via email to [mspruill@need.org](mailto:mspruill@need.org) or visit:

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