



## Press Release

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Josh Janowick, West Chicago Community High School, West Chicago, Illinois  
Recognized for Youth Energy Leadership  
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Manassas, Virginia – The NEED Project is pleased to announce that Josh Janowick of West Chicago Community High School in West Chicago, Illinois is a 2025 recipient of the 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 the teaching of others. This prestigious award is designed to honor students demonstrating effective leadership skills and energy knowledge throughout their association with NEED.

NEED congratulates Josh on receiving the 2025 Youth Energy Leadership Award. This award includes a \$1,500 scholarship to be used for post-high school educational plans. The award will be given at the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual NEED Youth Awards Ceremony in Washington, D.C. on June 30, 2025, where we are delighted to welcome Josh back for a third consecutive summer as a member of our youth staff. Josh first attended the Youth Energy Conference and Awards as a freshman in high school. He was part of a group whose energy project earned Junior School of the Year at the State Level and Finalist for 2021 School of the Year at the Junior Level.

This fall, Josh plans to attend the University of Tennessee to major in Engineering. He shares, "NEED allowed me to take on new responsibilities and challenges I never had to hold before. It also greatly improved my communication skills and energy knowledge, as I plan to go into nuclear engineering and the background interest and research is very helpful."

Josh's nominations from former teachers highlight his leadership and involvement in school and to his community. From being a National Honor Society student, involved in science clubs, football, track and field, a jazz and concert band member, to organizing and raising money for a local food pantry. Cori Nelson shared, "Josh has always been able to maintain a balance between getting good grades and honoring his other commitments."

NEED is thrilled to select Josh Janowick for this award!

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

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