



## GEAR UP College Day Scholarship Fact Sheet Academic Year 2017-18

### Description

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a federal program designed to provide early intervention services and programs to students in middle school and high school. The mission of GEAR UP is to significantly increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. **GEAR UP COLLEGE DAY (GUCD)** targets low-income students in the state of Michigan and provides them with support services to increase opportunities to succeed during higher education at Michigan's postsecondary institutions.

### Application

Each participating GUCD partner provided a rank order list of nominees from the classes of 2011 and 2012 who participated in the program. Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG) awarded scholarships to the highest ranked nominees based on the amount of scholarship funds available. **The student is responsible for notifying SSG of a change of address or college choice.**

### Program Limits

Students may receive scholarship assistance for up to five academic years to be completed within six years of high school graduation, unless a late award specified limited years. The maximum award amount a student can receive is **\$5,550** per year for full time enrollment; less than full time enrollment is prorated. GUCD funds may be used for tuition, fees, books supplies, and equipment required for enrollment; but not to exceed their cost of attendance. Future awards are subject to available and approved funding.

### Eligibility

General eligibility requirements include:

- Successful completion of the GUCD six-year program.
- Possession of a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent.
- Be less than 22 years old when first awarded the scholarship.
- Demonstration of financial need by being eligible for a Pell Grant for the first year of the award. (*\*Non-Pell eligible students may be awarded if funds are available.*)
- Enroll at least half time at an approved Michigan public degree-granting college or university.
- Be a Michigan resident as determined by institutional criteria.
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or approved refugee.
- Not be incarcerated.

### Renewal Eligibility

*Student continuing in the GEAR UP program need not be Pell eligible, but must:*

- Meet institution's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy.
- Enroll at least half-time.
- Not be in default on Federal/State student loan.

### Order of Scholarships Awarded to Students

The Federal Pell Grant must be awarded first; other public and private grants, scholarships or tuition discounts second; the GUCD Scholarship third; and then other financial assistance. For example: Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) is restricted to tuition and mandatory fees only, whereas GUCD funds can be used to cover other educational expenses.

### For More Information

Visit [www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid](http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid). Contact the GEAR UP College Day Scholarship Program, **Student Scholarships and Grants**, toll free at 888-447-2687, e-mail [mistudentaid@michigan.gov](mailto:mistudentaid@michigan.gov), or fax 517-241-5835.

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### **Participating Institutions**

Alpena Community College	Mid Michigan Community College
Bay de Noc Community College	Monroe County Community College
Bay Mills Community College	Montcalm Community College
Central Michigan University	Mott Community College
Delta College	Muskegon Community College
Eastern Michigan University	North Central Michigan College
Ferris State University	Northern Michigan University
Glen Oaks Community College	Northwestern Michigan College
Gogebic Community College	Oakland Community College
Grand Rapids Community College	Oakland University
Grand Valley State University	Saginaw Valley State University
Henry Ford College	Saint Clair County Community College
Jackson College	Schoolcraft College
Kalamazoo Valley Community College	Southwestern Michigan College
Kellogg Community College	University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
Kirtland Community College	University of Michigan – Dearborn
Lake Michigan College	University of Michigan – Flint
Lake Superior State University	Washtenaw Community College
Lansing Community College	Wayne County Community College
Macomb Community College	Wayne State University
Michigan State University	West Shore Community College
Michigan Technological University	Western Michigan University