GEAR UP Michigan! Scholarship Fact Sheet
Academic Year 2014-15

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 Michigan: Reaching the Urban Centers” targets three urban public school systems: Detroit, Flint, and Muskegon. Students who participated in these cohort groups may be eligible for a GEAR UP Michigan! Scholarship.

Application
Each participating GEAR UP Michigan! cohort group provided a rank order list of 2007-11 graduating seniors who have participated in the program. Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG) awarded scholarships to the highest ranked students 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 four academic years within five years of high school graduation. The maximum amount a student can receive for one year is equal to the maximum Pell Grant award funded for the academic year immediately following the student’s date of high school graduation. GEAR UP funds may be used for educational cost, including Estimated Family Contribution (EFC); not to exceed the cost of attendance. Future awards are subject to available and approved funds.

Eligibility
General eligibility requirements include:
- Have successfully completed the GEAR UP Michigan! six-year program.
- Possess a high school diploma or GED certificate.
- Initiate postsecondary enrollment prior to age 22.
- Demonstrate financial need by being eligible for a Pell Grant for the first year of the award.*
- Enroll at least half time at an approved Michigan community college, public university or independent, degree-granting college or university.
- Be a Michigan resident prior to enrolling in college.
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or approved refugee.
- Not be incarcerated.
- For renewal, meet institution’s satisfactory academic progress (SAP) policy for scholarship continuation.
- Must not be in default on Federal/State student loan.

*Non-Pell eligible students may be awarded if funds are available.

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 GEAR UP Michigan Scholarship third; and then other financial assistance. For example: Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) is restricted to tuition and mandatory fees only, whereas GEAR UP Michigan funds can be used to cover any educational expenses.

For More Information
Visit www.michigan.gov/ssg. Contact the GEAR UP Michigan! Scholarship program, Student Scholarships and Grants, toll free at 1-888-4-GRANTS (1-888-447-2687), e-mail ssg@michigan.gov, or fax at (517)-241-5835.
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Scholarships may be used at a Michigan degree-granting public or nonpublic college, including Focus: HOPE, approved by the Michigan State Board of Education, eligible for listing in the publication entitled, “Directory of Michigan Institutions of Higher Education” and a participant in federal student aid programs. Participating colleges are listed:

Participating Institutions

Adrian College  Lansing Community College
Albion College  Lawrence Technological University
Alma College  Macomb Community College
Alpena Community College  Madonna University
Andrews University  Marygrove College
Aquinas College  Michigan Jewish Institute
Art Institute of Michigan  Michigan State University
Baker College  Michigan Technological University
Bay de Noc Community College  Mid Michigan Community College
Bay Mills Community College  Monroe County Community College
Calvin College  Montcalm Community College
Central Michigan University  Mott Community College
Cleary University  Muskegon Community College
College for Creative Studies  North Central Michigan College
Compass College of Cinematic Arts  Northern Michigan University
Concordia University  Northwestern Michigan College
Cornerstone University  Northwood University
Davenport University  Oakland Community College
Delta College  Oakland University
Eastern Michigan University  Olivet College
Ferris State University  Robert B. Miller College
Finlandia University  Rochester College
Focus: HOPE  Sacred Heart Major Seminary
Glen Oaks Community College  Saginaw Valley State University
Gogebic Community College  Schoolcraft College
Grace Bible College  Siena Heights University
Grand Rapids Community College  Southwestern Michigan College
Grand Valley State University  Spring Arbor University
Great Lakes Christian College  St. Clair County Community College
Henry Ford College  University of Detroit Mercy
Hope College  University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
ITT Technical Institute,  University of Michigan – Dearborn
(Grand Rapids and Troy)  University of Michigan – Flint
Jackson College  University of Phoenix – Detroit
Kalamazoo College  Walsh College
Kalamazoo Valley Community College  Washtenaw Community College
Kellogg Community College  Wayne County Community College
Kettering University  Wayne State University
Kirtland Community College  West Shore Community College
Kuyper College  Western Michigan University
Lake Michigan College  
Lake Superior State University  

Tribal Institutions:

• Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College
• Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College