MICHIGAN GEAR UP Scholarship
Fact Sheet
Academic Year 2017-18

Program 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. MICHIGAN GEAR UP (MI GEAR UP) targets low-income students in the state of Michigan providing them with support services to increase their opportunity to succeed in higher education at Michigan’s higher educational institutions.

Scholarship Application Process
Each participating MI GEAR UP partner will be allotted a specific number of scholarships. They must provide a rank order list of 2017 graduating seniors who have successfully participated in the program for six years and met the nomination requirements. Only nominated MI GEAR UP participants will be eligible to be considered for a scholarship. The Michigan Department of Treasury, Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG), will provide 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
Selected nominees may receive a scholarship for up to three academic years to be completed within four years from the date of award. The maximum award amount a student may receive is $1,000 per year for at least half-time enrollment, which will be divided into equal amounts by semester or term. The maximum award is $3,000. MI GEAR UP funds may be used for educational cost, including Expected Family Contribution (EFC); not to exceed the cost of attendance. GEAR UP funds may be used to replace the EFC. This permits students to carry a reduced loan burden in order to meet their cost of attendance. If remaining funds are available, awards may be distributed for a fourth year. (Eligibility for late awards can be made if funds are available and must be awarded and used within four years of high school graduation.) Future awards are subject to available and approved funding.

Eligibility
General eligibility requirements include:
- Successful participation of the MI GEAR UP six-year program and nominated to receive an award.
- Possess a high school diploma or recognized equivalent certificate.
- Initiate postsecondary enrollment prior to age 22.
- Enroll at least half-time at an approved Michigan degree-granting college or university.
- Be a Michigan resident as determined by institutional criteria.
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or approved refugee.
- For renewal, must meet institution’s Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy.
- Not be in default on Federal/State student loan.

Order of Scholarships Awarded to Students
Federal legislation stipulates that GEAR UP funds must supplement but not supplant other aid dollars. Therefore, the Federal Pell Grant must be awarded first; other public and private grants, scholarships or tuition discounts awarded second; the MI GEAR UP award third; and then other financial assistance. (For example: Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) is restricted to tuition and mandatory fees only, whereas MI GEAR UP funds can be used to cover any educational expenses.)
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For More Information
Visit [www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid](http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid). Contact the MI GEAR UP Scholarship program, Student Scholarships and Grants, toll-free number at 888-447-2687, e-mail [mistudentaid@michigan.gov](mailto:mistudentaid@michigan.gov), or fax at 517-241-5835.

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 State University
Baker College  Michigan Technological University
Bay 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  Rochester College
Finlandia University  Sacred Heart Major Seminary
Focus: HOPE  Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College
Glen Oaks Community College  Saginaw Valley State University
Gogebic Community College  Saint Clair County Community College
Grace Bible College  Schoolcraft College
Grand Rapids Community College  Siena Heights University
Grand Valley State University  Southwestern Michigan College
Great Lakes Christian College  Spring Arbor University
Henry Ford College  University of Detroit Mercy
Hope College  University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
Jackson College  University of Michigan – Dearborn
Kalamazoo College  University of Michigan – Flint
Kalamazoo Valley Community College  Walsh College
Kellogg Community College  Washtenaw Community College
Kettering University  Wayne County Community College
Kirtland Community College  Wayne State University
Kuyper College  West Shore Community College
Lake Michigan College  Western Michigan University
Lake Superior State University
