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GEAR UP College Day Scholarship Fact Sheet
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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 funds.

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.
- Must 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/ssg. Contact the GEAR UP College Day 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.

GEAR UP College Day Scholarship

This scholarship may be used only at an approved Michigan **public** degree-granting institution that also participates in the federal student aid programs. Participating colleges are listed below:

Participating Institutions

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