

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. Each participating MI GEAR UP partner will be allotted a specific number of Michigan Education Trust (MET) and Student Scholarship, Grants and Outreach (SSGO) Educational Awards beginning with the high school Class of 2023. The highest ranked student will be awarded based on the number of awards available. Additional awards are available based upon funding and usage.

Application

MI GEAR UP does not require a specific application. However, students must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To check the status of an application, the student can log into the MISSG Student Portal at michigan.gov/missg.

Eligibility

To be eligible for an award, a student must:

- File a current-year Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Have successfully completed the MI GEAR UP program and been nominated to receive an award.
- Possess a high school diploma or recognized equivalent certificate.
- Initiate enrollment at a participating institution prior to age 22.
- Enroll at least half-time at an approved Michigan degree-granting college or university.
- Be a Michigan resident.
- If a dependent student, parent must also be a Michigan resident.
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or approved refugee.
- Not be in default on a Federal student loan.
- For renewal, meet institution's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy.

Program Limits

Awards pay up to a maximum of \$2,000 per academic year at participating institutions. MI GEAR UP is not tuition-specific and may not exceed the student's Cost of Attendance (COA). Other gift aid may reduce or cancel this award. Future awards are subject to available and approved funding.

A student is no longer eligible to receive MI GEAR UP if:

- The student has received a MI GEAR UP award in two different academic years; or,
- The student has received \$4,000 in MI GEAR UP awards; or,
- Four calendar years have elapsed since high school graduation.

	Participating Institutions	
ADRIAN COLLEGE	JACKSON COLLEGE	OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ALBION COLLEGE	KALAMAZOO COLLEGE	OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
ALMA COLLEGE	KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE	OLIVET COLLEGE
ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE	ROCHESTER CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
ANDREWS UNIVERSTIY	KETTERING UNIVERSITY	SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY
AQUINAS COLLEGE	KEWEENAW BAY OJIBWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL COLLEGE
BAKER COLLEGE	KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE	SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
BAY COLLEGE	KUYPER COLLEGE	SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
BILL MAYS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE	SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY
CALVIN COLLEGE	LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY	SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE
CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY	LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE	SPRING ARBOR UNIVERSITY
CLEARY UNIVERSITY	LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY	ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COLLEGE FOR CREATIVE STUDIES	MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY	MADONNA UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - ANN ARBOR
CORNERSTONE UNIVERSITY	MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - DEARBORN
DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY	MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - FLINT
DELTA COLLEGE	MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE	WALSH COLLEGE
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY	MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE	WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY	MONTCALM COMMUNITY COLLEGE	WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
GLEN OAKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE	WALSH COLLEGE
GOGEBIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE	MONTCALM COMMUNITY COLLEGE	WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE
GRACE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY	MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE	WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE	WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY	NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE	WEST SHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
GREAT LAKES CHRISTIAN COLLEGE	NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY	WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
HENRY FORD COLLEGE	NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE	
HOPE COLLEGE	NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY	

Additional Information

Students can only be awarded either a MET Award or SSGO Educational Award.

Awards are based on the first Michigan college choice listed on the FAFSA.

The student is responsible for notifying MET or MI Student Aid of any changes of address or college choice.

It is the responsibility of the student to be informed of all eligibility requirements and program rules.