Description
Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a federal program designed to provide early intervention services and programs to students in middle schools and high schools. 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 participate in these district programs may be eligible for a GEAR UP Michigan! Scholarship.

Application
Each participating GEAR UP Michigan! school district provides a rank order list of graduating seniors who have participated in the program. The Michigan Department of Treasury awards scholarships to the highest ranked students based on the amount of scholarship dollars available. Students are responsible for notifying the Office of Scholarships and Grants (OSG) of a change in their 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. 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.
- 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.

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/osg. Contact the GEAR UP Michigan! Scholarship program, Office of Scholarships and Grants, toll-free at 1-888-4-GRANTS (1-888-447-2687), e-mail osg@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
Albion College
Alma College
Alpena Community College
Andrews University
Aquinas College
Art Institute of Michigan
Baker College
Bay de Noc Community College
Bay Mills Community College
Calvin College
Central Michigan University
Cleary University
College for Creative Studies
Compass College of Cinematic Arts
Concordia University
Cornerstone University
Davenport University
Delta College
Eastern Michigan University
Ferris State University
Finlandia University
Focus: HOPE
Glen Oaks Community College
Gogebic Community College
Grace Bible College
Grand Rapids Community College
Grand Valley State University
Great Lakes Christian College
Henry Ford Community College
Hope College
ITT Technical Institute, (Grand Rapids and Troy)
Jackson Community College
Kalamazoo College
Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Kellogg Community College
Kettering University
Kirtland Community College
Kuyper College
Lake Michigan College
Lake Superior State University
Lansing Community College
Lawrence Technological University
Macomb Community College
Madonna University
Marygrove College
Michigan Jewish Institute
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
Northwood University
Oakland Community College
Oakland University
Olivet College
Robert B. Miller College
Rochester College
Sacred Heart Major Seminary
Saginaw Valley State University
Schoolcraft College
Siena Heights University
Southwestern Michigan College
Spring Arbor University
St. Clair County Community College
University of Detroit Mercy
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
University of Michigan – Dearborn
University of Michigan – Flint
University of Phoenix – Detroit
Walsh College
Washtenaw Community College
Wayne County Community College
Wayne State University
West Shore Community College
Western Michigan University