



GEAR UP Michigan! Scholarship Fact Sheet Academic Year 2011-12



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	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 Community College	University of Detroit Mercy
Hope College	University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
ITT Technical Institute, (Grand Rapids and Troy)	University of Michigan – Dearborn
Jackson Community College	University of Michigan – Flint
Kalamazoo College	University of Phoenix – Detroit
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	