GEAR UP College Day Scholarship Fact Sheet
Academic Year 2016-17

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.
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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