



What the NJ GEAR UP State Project Scholarship is...

- The NJ GEAR UP State Project scholarship is provided by the U.S. Department of Education and administered by the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and the NJ GEAR UP State Project. The scholarship funds directly benefit students who complete the NJ GEAR UP State Project at a participating institution and enroll in a New Jersey college or university. Participating programs and institutions include:
 - C.H.A.M.P./GEAR UP at Rowan University, Camden
 - Project S.M.I.L.E./GEAR UP at Mercer County Community College, Trenton
 - The Consortium for Pre-College Education in Greater Newark/GEAR UP at New Jersey Institute of Technology, University of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ, and Rutgers University-Newark
 - College Bound/GEAR UP at New Jersey City University, Jersey City
- The scholarship is need-based. The amount is dependent upon the individual student's financial aid application.
- The maximum award in an academic year is \$3,000. Students pursuing an associate's degree are eligible for the award for a maximum of five semesters; students pursuing a bachelor's degree are eligible to receive it for a maximum of nine semesters. Total funding will never exceed nine semesters. Final determination of awards is made by the NJ GEAR UP State Project based on eligibility guidelines and availability of funds.
- Students become eligible when they participate for at least one year, beginning in 7th or 8th grade, in the NJ GEAR UP State Project at the institutions listed above. To remain eligible, students must continue participating in the program until high school graduation as determined by their College Bound/GEAR UP program. In their junior or senior year of high school, students (and their parents/guardians) must complete the "Release Form: Financial Aid Information." Prior to each academic year's college enrollment, students must complete the "NJ GEAR UP College Enrollment Status Form" and fax (609-292-7225) or mail it by June 1st (or November 1st for Spring only) to: NJ GEAR UP, NJ Commission on Higher Education, P.O. Box 542, Trenton, NJ 08625-0542.
- NJ GEAR UP, like other federal discretionary grant programs, is funded for a limited amount of time. Current projections indicate that scholarship awards after 2006-2007 will be minimal.
- Other administrative and eligibility guidelines apply and are attached to this document.

What the NJ GEAR UP State Project Scholarship is not...

- The NJ GEAR UP State Project scholarship is not guaranteed.
- The scholarship is not available to students who attend college out of state.