



NJ GEAR UP State Project EOF/Financial Aid Release Form

High school juniors and seniors: Please complete and return to your NJ GEAR UP program director by November 30. Do not submit after November 30 of your final year in high school.

When a NJ GEAR UP participant applies to an in-state institution, a full range of financial and support services becomes available through an agreement with the New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF). These services include:

- Need-based financial assistance
- Academic advisement/Counseling
- Summer bridge program for incoming freshmen
- Academic readiness and/or regular college courses
- Tutoring
- Developmental course work

New Jersey Higher Education/EOF requests permission to access to your child’s financial aid application and submit your child’s name to colleges and universities that participate in the EOF program. For more information about EOF, visit <http://www.nj.gov/highereducation/EOF>.

I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____, understand that as a participant in the NJ GEAR UP State Project, my child is eligible for academic support services and possibly a financial aid grant through the NJ Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) when he/she attends a participating college or university in New Jersey. By completing and signing this form, **I agree to allow NJ Higher Education/EOF to electronically access and review my child’s application for college financial aid from the State of New Jersey. I also agree to allow NJ Higher Education/EOF to alert EOF staff at participating New Jersey colleges and universities about my child’s application so he or she can receive all of the financial aid and support services for which he or she is eligible.** I also understand that only authorized NJ Higher Education/EOF college/university officials in New Jersey will be allowed access to my confidential information.

Student Name _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ High School _____

Month/Year of High School Graduation (e.g. June 2009) _____

Is your child planning to apply to a New Jersey college or university? Yes No

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Student

Date