



## MICHIGAN GEAR UP Educational Award Fact Sheet Award Year 2017-18

### Program 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. **MICHIGAN GEAR UP (MI-GEAR UP)** targets low-income students in the state of Michigan providing them with support services to increase their opportunity to succeed in higher education at Michigan's higher educational institutions.

### Educational Award Application Process

Each participating MI-GEAR UP partner will be allotted a specific number of educational awards. They must provide a rank order list of 2017 graduating seniors who have successfully participated in the program for six years and met the nomination requirements. ***Only nominated MI-GEAR UP participants will be eligible to be considered for an educational award.*** The Michigan Department of Treasury, Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG), will provide educational awards to the highest ranked students based on the amount of educational funds available. **The student is responsible for notifying SSG of a change of address or college choice.**

### Program Limits

Selected nominees may receive an educational award for up to three academic years to be completed within four years from the date of award. The maximum award amount a student may receive is **\$1,000** per year for at least half-time enrollment, which will be divided into equal amounts by semester or term. ***The maximum educational award is \$3,000.*** MI-GEAR UP funds may be used for educational cost, including Estimated Family Contribution (EFC); not to exceed the cost of attendance. Future awards are subject to available and approved funds. ***(Eligibility for late awards can be made if funds are available and must be awarded and used within six years of high school graduation.)***

### Eligibility

General eligibility requirements include:

- Successful completion of the MI-GEAR UP six-year program and nominated to receive an award.
- Possess a high school diploma or recognized equivalent certificate.
- Initiate postsecondary enrollment prior to age 22.
- Enroll at least half-time at an approved Michigan degree-granting college or university.
- Be a Michigan resident as determined by institutional criteria.
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or approved refugee.
- Meet institution's satisfactory academic progress (SAP) policy.
- 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 awarded second; the MI-GEAR UP Award third; and then other financial assistance. (For example: Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) is restricted to tuition and mandatory fees only, whereas MI-GEAR UP funds can be used to cover any educational expenses.)

### For More Information

Visit [www.michigan.gov/ssg](http://www.michigan.gov/ssg). Contact the MI-GEAR UP Educational Award program, **Student Scholarships and Grants**, toll-free number at 1-888-4-GRANTS (1-888-447-2687), e-mail [ssg@michigan.gov](mailto:ssg@michigan.gov), or fax at 517-241-5835.

## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

### MI GEAR UP EDUCATIONAL AWARD

Educational awards 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 State University
Art Institute of Michigan	Michigan Technological University
Baker College	Mid Michigan Community College
Bay de Noc Community College	Monroe County Community College
Bay Mills Community College	Montcalm Community College
Calvin College	Mott Community College
Central Michigan University	Muskegon Community College
Cleary University	North Central Michigan College
College for Creative Studies	Northern Michigan University
Compass College of Cinematic Arts	Northwestern Michigan College
Concordia University	Northwood University
Cornerstone University	Oakland Community College
Davenport University	Oakland University
Delta College	Olivet College
Eastern Michigan University	Rochester College
Ferris State University	Sacred Heart Major Seminary
Finlandia University	Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College
Focus: HOPE	Saginaw Valley State University
Glen Oaks Community College	Schoolcraft College
Gogebic Community College	Siena Heights University
Grace Bible College	Southwestern Michigan College
Grand Rapids Community College	Spring Arbor University
Grand Valley State University	St. Clair County Community College
Great Lakes Christian College	University of Detroit Mercy
Henry Ford College	University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
Hope College	University of Michigan – Dearborn
Jackson 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	