

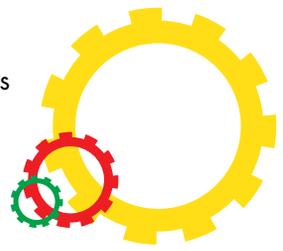


GEAR UP Iowa Scholarship



The GEAR UP Iowa Scholarship provides awards of up to \$2,600 per year (\$1,300/semester) to full-time students who are part of the GEAR UP Iowa cohort. Scholarship funds can be used to pay costs included in the college's official cost of attendance, including:

- Tuition/fees
- Room/board
- Books/supplies
- Personal/living expenses
- Transportation



Scholarship Requirements:

- Have a high school diploma, high school equivalency diploma (HiSET or GED) or home school diploma
- Be a GEAR UP Iowa Program participant, as verified by Iowa College Aid staff
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen as defined by the FAFSA
- Attend a Title IV college/university* either in Iowa or out-of-state
- Be under the age of 22 the first year the scholarship is received
- Complete a FAFSA
- Enroll in at least three semester hours (or trimester or quarter equivalent) in an eligible Title IV undergraduate program of study**



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*A Title IV college/university is one that participates in Federal Student Aid programs. You can search for Title IV institutions on the FAFSA website, www.FAFSA.ed.gov, by entering information about the college (state, city and/or name.)

**A Title IV program is one that is eligible to receive Federal Student Aid funds. You can find out if the program you plan to enroll in is a Title IV program by contacting the college's financial aid office and speaking with a financial aid advisor.

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GEAR UP IOWA SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

SUBSEQUENT YEARS AWARDING CRITERIA:

The GEAR UP Iowa Scholarship can be renewed to fund subsequent years of undergraduate enrollment as long as:

- Funding allows
- You meet Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements at your College/University
- You complete a FAFSA annually (If you live out of state, you also need to complete a paper scholarship application annually)



OTHER SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- Ask your school counselor about local opportunities and organizations that have awarded scholarships to prior graduates.
- Use web-based scholarship searches such as:
 - www.IHaveAPlanIowa.gov
 - www.fastweb.com
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
 - <http://scholarshipamerica.org>
 - <http://www.collegegreenlight.com/>
 - www.IowaCollegeAid.gov (select the Featured Scholarships button)
- Contact the college or postsecondary institution you plan to attend and ask for information about any scholarship for which you may qualify.
- For state scholarship opportunities, complete the Iowa Financial Aid Application at www.iowacollegeaid.gov.



For more information on the GEAR UP Iowa Scholarship, contact info@iowacollegeaid.gov with GEAR UP Iowa Scholarship as the subject line or call 877-272-4456 and press two.

