



**Center for College  
Access and Success**  
NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

# GEAR UP Scholarship

## About the GEAR UP Scholarship

Because of your participation in GEAR UP, you are eligible to apply for money to help you pay for college. The scholarship must be paid directly to your college to pay for tuition, fees, and living expenses. Scholarships will be “last dollar” awards to cover the gap between financial aid and cost of attending. The goal of this program is to reduce student loan debt. Awards will range up to \$5,000, depending on need.

## Partner High Schools

Money for college available to 2020 and 2021 graduates from the following GEAR UP Partner High Schools: Amundsen, Bogan, Clark, Curie, Farragut, Foreman, Goode, Harlan, Hubbard, Julian, Kelly, Morgan Park, Roosevelt, Senn and Solorio.

## Eligibility

- Must have unmet cost of college financial need (cannot be used for transportation or living expenses)
- Member of Class of 2020 or Class of 2021 from a GEAR UP Partner High School

### 2021 Graduates

- Minimum High School 2.5 GPA at time of application
- Enrolled for 2021-22 school year at an IHE (Institution of Higher Learning)

### 2020 Graduates

- Participated in Chicago GEAR UP activities during freshman year of college
- Enrolled for 2021-22 school year at an IHE (Institution of Higher Learning)

## Application Process

- Fill out application form
- Applicants will be contacted by email to send the following required materials:
  - A 250 to 500 word essay describing your participation in GEAR UP and the impact your participation in GEAR UP activities has had on your educational ambitions and performance.
  - HS Transcript-Proof of attendance at a GEAR UP school during eligible time period.

- Postsecondary acceptance letter-Proof of enrollment in Fall 2021-22.
- Documentation of financial need- All official documentation related to cost and aid from the postsecondary institution and private scholarships/grants is required.
- Social Security or Tax ID Number documentation-Federal guidelines require that students must be documented citizens of the USA to be considered an eligible applicant.

## Deadline

Application deadline is **July 12, 2021**. Scholarship winners will be notified by **August 1, 2021**. If funds remain available, applications received after July 12, 2021 will be considered.

## Award Amount

Awards will range from **\$500-\$5,000** depending on need.

## Ready to Apply!

Click on the link apply now!

<http://bit.ly/gearupscholarship>

## For more information, please contact:

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