



GEAR UP SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

2008-2009

These guidelines are applicable to GEAR UP students who have graduated from high school on time and, if currently attending a Maine post-secondary school, are meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress as determined by that school. The following eligibility guidelines are in effect for the 2008/2009 academic year. As with the State of Maine Grant Program, eligibility determination will be reviewed annually and established based on available funding as soon after January 30 as possible.

For the 2008/2009 academic year, GEAR UP scholarship recipients must:

- File the 2008/2009 FAFSA (no deadline imposed)
- Have an EFC (Expected Family Contribution) of \$7,000 or less
- Attend an eligible Title IV institution in Maine
- Enroll in a degree program, attending at least half-time
- Meet the institution's Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements

Additional guidelines:

- Funds will be disbursed during the fall and spring semesters consistent with the State of Maine Grant Program policy. Summer and other mini-sessions will not be considered periods of enrollment for purposes of disbursement of scholarship funds.
- Students will receive points for the amount of scholarship received as indicated on the chart below. The points will identify the student's continuing eligibility to receive a scholarship. A student may not receive a scholarship for more than the equivalent of eight full-time semesters. Students credited with 16 points or more will no longer qualify for the GEAR UP scholarship.
- In the event a student has received grant aid in excess of the student's cost of attendance, the GEARUP funds must be reduced prior to any reduction of the State of Maine Grant.
- Students who do not receive a GEAR UP scholarship for two academic years will no longer qualify for consideration of a GEAR UP scholarship.

Award Amounts - 2008-2009			
Enrollment	Fall 08 Semester	Spring 09 Semester	Points Assigned
Full Time	\$2366	\$2365	2
Three Quarter Time	\$1774	\$1774	1.50
Half Time	\$1183	\$1183	1