



GEAR UP SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

2009-2010

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. 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 2009-2010 academic year, GEAR UP scholarship recipients must:

- File the 2009-2010 FAFSA (no deadline imposed)
- Have an EFC (Expected Family Contribution) of \$7,500 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
- Receive the scholarship no later than the Fall 2010 enrollment period
- Be less than 22 years old by December 31, 2008 (First time award recipients only)

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 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 GEAR UP funds must be reduced prior to any reduction of the State of Maine Grant.

Award Amounts - 2009-2010			
Enrollment	Fall 2009 Semester	Spring 2010 Semester	Points Assigned
Full Time	\$2,675	\$2,675	2
Three Quarter Time	\$2,007	\$2,006	1.50
Half Time	\$1,338	\$1,337	1