

To receive a GEAR UP Scholarship, a student must:

1. Have participated in GEAR UP activities at GEAR UP sites in Baltimore City, Dorchester, or Wicomico Counties for at least one year during the grant period (2014-2020);
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3. Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a program of undergraduate instruction at an accredited two- or four-year institution of higher education, private career school, or state/regional accredited trade school/certificate program;
4. Receive a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent;
5. Be less than 22 years old at the time of the first scholarship award; and
6. Maintain satisfactory academic progress in accordance with the standards of the institution he/she is attending;

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and GEAR UP Scholarship Application must be filed to be considered for a GEAR UP Scholarship award. Complete the FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov before March 1 each year.

GEAR UP Scholarships are up to \$8,000 for fall and spring 2022-2023. Additional awards are available for students to attend summer school. The award is determined after all Federal, State, and other relevant financial aid is determined. The scholarship award is prorated for students attending school less than full-time.

Students must apply every year. Awards are made for one year and may be renewed if the student maintains eligibility.

Please contact the Maryland Higher Education Commission questions regarding the GEAR UP Scholarship at gearup.mhec@maryland.gov or 410-767-3377.

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