

## GEAR UP Scholarship Application (2021-2022)

If eligible, failure to complete this application and the 2021-2022 FAFSA may result in loss of a scholarship award.

**Application Deadline: June 18, 2021 (send completed application to [gearup.mhec@maryland.gov](mailto:gearup.mhec@maryland.gov)).**

### Section A.

1. MDCAPS Number or Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

List any other legal name(s) used in school: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

4. City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile/Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Select the district where you attended school: (Baltimore City, Dorchester County or Wicomico County):

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8. Select the high school that you graduated from:

\_\_\_\_\_

High school graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Identify the college or university you will attend in 2021-2022 (List at least one Maryland college or university):

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10. Will you enroll as full-time or part-time (Select one): Full-time \_\_\_\_\_ Part-time \_\_\_\_\_

11. Have you completed the 2021-2022 FAFSA: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### Section B.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Grant Applicant Eligibility:** 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);
2. Be a Maryland resident according to the institution's state residency policy;
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;

**Please note:** 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](http://www.fafsa.gov) before March 1 each year.

**Award Amount:** GEAR UP Scholarship awards are up to \$8,000 for fall and spring 2021-2022. 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.

**Scholarship Renewal:** 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's Office of Outreach and Grants Management with any questions regarding the GEAR UP Scholarship at [gearup.mhec@maryland.gov](mailto:gearup.mhec@maryland.gov) or 410-767-3377.

*\*Baltimore City Public School students who attended Calverton Elementary/Middle School or Commodore John Rodgers Elementary/Middle School during the 2014 -2015 and/or 2015-2016 school year, may be eligible for a scholarship.*