

Topical Heading

Higher and Continuing Education

Program Title

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

Also Known as

GEAR UP

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.334A; 84.334S

Administering Office

Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

Who May Apply (by category)

Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), Local Education Agencies (LEAs), State Education Agencies (SEAs)

Who May Apply (specifically)

Any state agency designated by the governor of the state may apply. Additionally, partnerships consisting of at least one college or university, at least one low-income middle school, and at least two other partners (such as community organizations, businesses, religious groups, student organizations, SEAs, LEAs, and parent groups) may apply.

Current Competitions

FY 2008 application deadline: Dec. 20, 2007.

Type of Assistance (by category)

Discretionary/Competitive Grants

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2006 \$303,423,120

Fiscal Year 2007 \$303,423,120

Fiscal Year 2008 \$303,422,950

Fiscal Year 2008 Awards Information

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 20 partnership grants; 6 state grants

Average New Award: \$950,000 for partnership grants; \$2,990,000 for state grants

Range of New Awards: \$100,000–\$7,000,000 for partnership grants; \$2,800,000–\$3,000,000 for state grants

Number of Continuation Awards: 132 partnership grants; 34 state grants

Average Continuation Award: \$1,216,000 for partnership grants; \$3,056,000 for state grants

Legislative Citation

Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended, Title IV, Part A, Subpart 2, Chapter 2; 20 *U.S.C.* 1070a-21–1070a-28

Program Regulations

EDGAR, 34 *CFR* 694

Program Description

This discretionary grant program is designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. GEAR UP provides six-year grants to states and partnerships to provide services at high-poverty middle and high schools. GEAR UP grantees serve an entire cohort of students beginning no later than the seventh grade and follow the cohort through high school. GEAR UP funds also are used to provide college scholarships to low-income students.

Types of Projects

GEAR UP offers state and partnership grants. State grants are competitive six-year matching grants that must include both an early intervention component designed to increase college attendance and success and raise the

expectations of low-income students and a scholarship component. Partnership grants are competitive six-year matching grants that must support an early intervention component and may support a scholarship component designed to increase college attendance and success and raise the expectations of low-income students.

Education Level (by category)

K-12, Postsecondary

Subject Index

Academic Achievement, Counseling, High-Risk Students, Higher Education, Low Income, School Reform

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