

# Enroll now and start your journey as a GEAR UP Scholar!



## About Colorado GEAR UP

**GEAR UP** (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) is a national, federally funded pre-collegiate grant program that is designed to increase the number of students who graduate from high school and are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. The program is funded through the U.S. Department of Education.

**Colorado GEAR UP** provides services for students beginning in the 9th grade through the 1st year of college. Program services include personalized mentoring, academic advising, college and career readiness workshops, campus visits, and summer enrichment opportunities. Students may also benefit from concurrent enrollment options, tutoring, STEM-focused events, and test preparation resources.

During their senior year, participants receive tailored guidance throughout the college admissions process, including one-on-one financial aid counseling and assistance. Upon high school graduation, eligible students may qualify for a GEAR UP scholarship to help offset the cost of their college education. All services are designed to help students discover meaningful career pathways and identify the best-fit college with affordability as a key priority.

The program also provides transition services for newly enrolled college students, providing comprehensive support to ensure a smooth start and continued success throughout their first year.

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## Enrollment Instructions

To enroll in the Colorado GEAR UP program, the student and parent(s)/guardian(s) must review and complete the Enrollment form.

### Two Ways to Enroll

1. Return the Enrollment form document to the GEAR UP advisor **or**
2. Enroll online at [www.coloradogearup.org](http://www.coloradogearup.org). Click “Enroll Now” and enter the code “GEARUP5 to access the form.

### Enrollment Form Sections

1. GEAR UP Program Conditions
2. GEAR UP Scholarship Eligibility
3. Student & Parent Information
4. Parent/Guardian Permission
5. Authorized Signatures

# Colorado GEAR UP Enrollment Form

## #1 Program Conditions

- **Attendance:** The student must attend classes and school functions regularly, in accordance with the school's attendance policy.
- **School Policies:** The student is expected to demonstrate appropriate conduct on and off campus, always adhering to the school's conduct and behavior policies and all applicable state laws.
- **Testing and Assessments:** The student agrees to participate in recommended tests and assessments and provide test scores and results to the program.
- **Data Sharing:** The student and parent(s)/guardian(s) authorize the Colorado GEAR UP to access school records and related information for the federal grant evaluation, in accordance with state law.
- **Parent Engagement:** Parent(s)/guardian(s) agree to participate in school related activities including providing homework support, attend meetings, events, and other program functions as often as possible.
- **Participation in Program Activities:** The student agrees to participate in program activities, including, but not limited to, enrollment in academically rigorous courses, concurrent enrollment as recommended, college visits, college and career preparatory workshops, tutoring, summer enrichment, and active involvement in the college admissions process.

## #2 GEAR UP Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

### Eligibility requirements to apply for the GEAR UP Scholarship:

1. The GEAR UP Scholarship is funded with federal resources. In accordance with federal regulations, the student must be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen to be eligible to apply for the scholarship determined by the Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) completion.
2. The student participated in the GEAR UP program.

### Eligibility requirements to receive the Colorado GEAR UP Scholarship award:

1. The student received a high school diploma or equivalent.
2. The student enrolled or is accepted for enrollment at a program of undergraduate instruction an eligible institution of higher education.
3. The student is less than 22 years of age.

Questions?

Contact GEAR UP Advisor Name

Telephone | Email | Room #



## #4 Parent/Guardian Permission

Please review the services below and check "Yes" or "No"

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Yes  No **Photo/Media**

I give permission to the program to photograph or record my student's activities. These images or videos may be used in program publications, reports, the program's website, or social media.

Yes  No **Student Survey**

I give permission for my student to participate in the annual survey that gathers information about their educational aspirations related to high school graduation, college, and their program experience.

Yes  No **Text Messaging**

I give permission for the program to send my student text messages with college- and career-related information, including reminders about college visits, guest speakers, workshops, and tutoring.

Yes  No **Virtual Learning**

I give permission for my student to participate in educational webinars or virtual meetings hosted on Zoom or similar platforms.

## #5 Colorado GEAR UP Enrollment Authorization

Upon enrollment into the Colorado GEAR UP program, I understand and accept the role, commitment, and responsibility of the **Program Conditions** and I understand and acknowledge the **eligibility requirements to apply for and receive the GEAR UP Scholarship**.

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Student's Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

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**Return this form to your school's GEAR UP Advisor.**

*Final enrollment is contingent upon available space and submission of a completed enrollment form.*

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**Questions? Contact your GEAR UP Advisor**