



GEAR UP Funding Alignment

What are GEAR UP grants?

GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) focus on increasing 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 in high-poverty middle and high schools. Grantees serve an entire cohort of students beginning no later than seventh grade and follow the cohort through high school.

How is GEAR UP funding distributed?

Institutions of Higher Education, Local Education Agencies, and State Education Agencies may apply for these competitive federal grants. State grants are competitive six-year matching grants that must include 1) an early intervention component designed to increase college attendance and success, 2) raise expectations of low-income students, and 3) include a scholarship component. Partnership grants are competitive six-year matching grants that 1) must support an early intervention component and 2) may support a scholarship component designed to increase college attendance and success and raise the expectations of low-income students.

How can GEAR UP funding be used?

Funding can be used to provide mentoring, outreach, and support services to participating students. This includes: providing financial aid information about postsecondary education, encouraging student enrollment in rigorous and challenging curricula and coursework, implementing activities that help students obtain a secondary school diploma, supporting students with completing college applications, providing tutors, conducting outreach programs, helping students meet state standards, developing graduation and career plans, providing extended day learning programs, or offering other activities designed to ensure secondary school completion and postsecondary enrollment of at-risk children.

What ScholarCentric solutions can be part of a GEAR UP grant?

ScholarCentric's middle and high school materials, technology, and services align well with GEAR UP funding in the following categories: increase student achievement and expectations, implement early intervention solutions to raise performance, and support students from low-income areas.



- **Success Highways™** develops the critical resiliency skills that are scientifically linked to middle and high school students' academic success. Students with greater resiliency are more intrinsically motivated to do well in school and have greater attendance, behavior, and coursework (ABCs) than their peers. Using *Success Highways* early-warning assessments, educators can learn why students have academic difficulty or success. With *Success Highways* research-based curriculum and capacity-building professional development, teachers can assure that all students gain or maintain the ability to academically succeed.



- **Resiliency Leaders consulting and professional development services** help educators create comprehensive learning environments where students' cognitive and affective needs are met. Working with one or all of ScholarCentric's transformation experts, districts or schools can create professional learning communities geared towards students' academic success.