



SCHOLASTIC OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Competitive Grant Programs

GEAR UP

OVERVIEW

The GEAR UP program is a discretionary grant program designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

GEAR UP provides five-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.

USE OF FUNDS

1. Remedial and enrichment services, including tutoring
2. Extended learning programs, such as after-school, before school, and summer programs
3. Professional development and curriculum improvement, including the purchase of classroom materials
4. Procurement of technology and supplies
5. Mentoring
6. Financial counseling
7. College counseling
8. Family counseling

KEY POINTS

- **GEAR UP awards five-year grants that support the *same* students as they proceed through school towards graduation.**
- **GEAR UP supplements (not supplants) existing reform efforts.**
- **GEAR UP invests in partnerships that consist of at least one university, one low-income middle school, and two other partners (e.g., nonprofits, businesses, religious groups, school districts). In addition, state agencies may apply for GEAR UP grants.**
- **Average award size is \$450,000 per year. New grants will not be awarded until FY05.**
- **More information on GEAR UP can be found at:**

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/gearup/index.html>

FEATURED SCHOLASTIC MATERIALS FOR GEAR UP

- ∩ After the Bell Reading
- ∩ High Interest, Low-Level Reading Book Collections
- ∩ READ 180
- ∩ READ XL
- ∩ Scholastic Action Book Collections
- ∩ Scholastic Reading Counts!
- ∩ Scholastic Reading Inventory
- ∩ Scholastic Red
- ∩ Scholastic Sprint Reading
- ∩ Scholastic Summer School Program
- ∩ Tom Snyder Thinking Reader
- ∩ Tom Snyder Reading for Meaning

More materials aligned to GEAR UP can be found at *Scholastic's Funding Connection*:

www.scholastic.com/grants