



GEAR UP SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

2009-2010

These guidelines are applicable to GEAR UP students who have been confirmed by the Maine Support Network (MSN) as meeting the minimum requirements for consideration of a GEAR UP SCHOLARSHIP. Academic year guidelines are published annually by FAME, based on available funding, as soon after January 30 as possible.

For the 2009-2010 academic year, GEAR UP scholarship recipients must:

- File the 2009-2010 FAFSA (no deadline imposed). Based on the results, the student must have an Estimated Family Contribution (EFC), confirmed by their school, equal to or less than \$7500
- Attend an eligible Title IV institution in the United States
- Enroll in a degree program, attending at least half-time
- Meet the institution’s Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements
- Meet the age requirement necessitating recipients to be less than 22 years old at the time of their first award. For the 2009-2010 academic year, any student who will be 22 during the calendar year 2009 is not eligible as a first time recipient.

Processing Guidelines:

- Students enrolled at an eligible out of state institution MUST contact FAME to inform them of their intent so that proper procedures can take place ensuring payment to the school.
- Summer and other mini-sessions are not considered periods of enrollment for purposes of disbursement of scholarship funds.
- Students will receive points for the amount of scholarship received as indicated on the chart below. A student may not receive a scholarship for more than the equivalent of 8 full-time semesters (16 points).
- In the event a student has received grant aid in excess of the student’s cost of attendance, the State of Maine Grant funds must be reduced prior to any reduction of Gear Up Scholarship funds.

Award Amounts - 2009-2010			
Enrollment	Fall 2009 Semester	Spring 2010 Semester	Points Assigned
Full Time	\$2,675	\$2,675	2
Three Quarter Time	\$2,007	\$2,006	1.50
Half Time	\$1,338	\$1,337	1