



State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana
Twenty-first Century Scholars Program

Twenty-first Century Scholars GEAR UP Summer Scholarship

A major thrust of the GEAR UP program is early intervention. Indiana is making great strides in preparing Twenty-first Century Scholars to succeed in college but their academic needs are great and many are best met by the colleges in which they enroll. Because many Scholars have not been provided with appropriate curriculum, instruction or academic support to succeed in college, they might need to take basic preparatory courses in the summer before they begin their program and degree requirements. In addition, they might need to take upper class summer courses to make sure they stay on track to graduate on-time after their freshmen year. The *GEAR UP Summer Scholarship* pays for summer school tuition, fees, and room and board (if applicable).

If a Scholar takes preparatory college courses in the summer before enrolling in a regular program in the fall, they might need financial assistance to pay for summer school tuition, room and board on campus and fees. On the other hand, a Scholar who takes such courses in the fall semester might find herself or himself falling behind in their major program requirements unless they can afford to attend the following summer school. The Summer GEAR UP Scholarship may be used by any eligible Twenty-first Century Scholar student wanting to enroll in summer courses, which may be a college preparatory, pre-requisite or required class for their major.

Effective for 2004-05, the Scholarship can be used by a Scholar at any grade level (freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior); it is not limited to freshmen Scholars. It is renewable at the discretion of the Office of Twenty-first Century Scholars and only through re-application.

In order to be considered for a *GEAR UP Summer Scholarship*, a student must complete an application and be...

- 1) An affirmed Scholar admitted to an eligible Indiana college and otherwise eligible to receive the Twenty-first Century Scholarship.
- 2) Enrolled full time and eligible to receive the Twenty-first Century Scholarship in the fall term following the summer course session or in the previous spring term if they are graduating in the summer.
- 3) Enrolled in either summer college preparatory classes, pre-requisites or those classes that would be considered required classes for their college major.
- 4) Approved both by the appropriate office of the college where they are enrolled and where they plan to take the courses (if different).

The *GEAR UP Summer Scholarship* is a grant of up to \$3,000 that pays for summer school tuition, fees, books and room and board (if applicable). Once a Scholarship is approved, the schools will receive a copy of the approved application. The college is paid directly after the State Student Assistance Commission receives and approves the appropriate billing documents.

All *GEAR UP Summer Scholarship* application and payment requests must be submitted to, and other program information or materials obtained from,

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