

FY14 Promise Zone Benefits from Partnering Agencies

Agency: Department of Education (ED)
Student Service

Programs with PZ Benefits:
Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (Partnership Grants)

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)

Website: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/gearup/index.html>

Benefit Type: Grant Competition

Eligible Communities: Urban, Rural, and Tribal

Eligible Applicants: Partnerships consisting of (A) one or more local educational agencies (LEA), and (B) one or more degree granting institutions of higher education (IHE). Partnerships may also contain not less than two other community organizations or entities, such as businesses, professional organizations, state agencies, institutions or agencies sponsoring programs authorized under the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program (LEAP) authorized in part A, subpart 4, of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) (20 U.S.C. 1070c et seq.) or other public or private agencies or organizations.

Partnerships consisting of one or more local educational agencies and one or more degree-granting institutions of higher education and not less than two other community organizations or other entities such as businesses, professional organizations, or state agencies may apply.

Funding Availability:

FY 2014 Estimated Available Funds (Discretionary awards for partnership and state grant program): \$37,762,760

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$3,000,000

Contingent upon the availability of funds and the quality of applications, the Department of Education may make additional awards in FY 2015 from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition.

Application Deadline: July 7, 2014

Benefits to Promise Zone: Priority Consideration

Goal: This discretionary grant program is designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

Program Description: The GEAR UP Partnership Program provides six-year grants to provide academic and related support services to high-poverty middle and high school students, including students with disabilities. GEAR UP grantees serve an entire cohort of students beginning no later than the seventh grade and follow the cohort through high school. GEAR UP funds may also be used to provide college scholarships to low-income students.

GEAR UP offers state and partnership grants but only the partnership grants are eligible for Promise Zones preference points.

The FY 2014 Notice Inviting Applications for GEAR UP Partnership Grants is available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2014/06/04/2014-12980/applications-for-new-awards-gaining-early-awareness-and-readiness-for-undergraduate-programs>.