

Eastern Oklahoma State College GEAR UP



SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER

Updates on upcoming events and crucial information you and your student need to know as we finish up the 2022-2033 school year.



<https://www.eoscgearup.org>

EOSC GEAR UP
Ignite
Belief



Parents, Partners, and Friends of the GEAR UP—Ignite Belief Grant,

It's hard to believe we're in the second semester of the school year and the sixth year of our Ignite Belief Grant. With this year's cohort being in 11th and 12th grades, we are working hard to prepare our students for the end of the academic year and what's to come in their future.

We have many things planned for the upcoming months to prepare students for senior year and graduation. As summer approaches, GEAR UP works hard to ensure students are ready for success.

The following pages contain information on upcoming GEAR UP events and some crucial steps your student should take to prepare for college, along with some details on ways GEAR UP can help them succeed in reaching their goals.

As always, please feel free to contact us or the Education Coordinator who serves your school district. We're here to help your student prepare for their next steps.

Dara Self, Project Director

Tara Martin, Assistant Project Director



GEAR UP Parents,

If you haven't already, please take the time to fill out our yearly parent survey. Your feedback is very important to our mission here at GEAR UP.

To complete our survey, use your mobile device to scan the QR code or enter the URL below into your favorite web browser.



EOSC GEAR UP Parent Survey 2022-23

<https://bit.ly/eoscgusurvey2022>



Stipend

for

**CONCURRENT GEAR UP
STUDENTS**

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fill out the form
and attach the
required
document

**GET UP TO \$300
TOWARD FEES**

**PROCESSING DATES
FOR APPLICATIONS
WILL BE JANUARY 21ST
AND MARCH 11TH**



DEADLINE MARCH 10TH

APPLY TODAY!



General Information:

Eastern Oklahoma State College GEAR UP will provide **up to** \$300.00 toward the **remaining fee-only** balance for each eligible GEAR UP concurrent student for the Spring 2023 semester.

There are two application processing dates. The first is **January 21st** and the second is **March 11th**. Your application must be completed and submitted before either of these dates in order to be eligible for services.

This service is provided to concurrent students who are attending a college or university only. Unfortunately, at this time, students attending a KTC program/course are not eligible.

Students at partner schools or in tribal programs currently paying concurrent fees for the semester are not eligible for the GEAR UP stipend.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: How do I know if I am eligible to receive the stipend?

A: You must be an active Eastern Oklahoma State College GEAR UP student attending a partner school and taking concurrent courses. If you are unsure of this, you can contact the EOSC GEAR UP office.

Q: How do I apply for the stipend?

A: Scan the QR code given by your school administrator/counselor to complete the stipend application and upload the required document(s).

Q: How will I receive updates on my stipend application progress?

A: With the email you have provided, we will send updates on your application process. Please provide a valid email that you check frequently as we will also be sending updates on your stipend payment.

Q: What if I drop my concurrent course?

A: If a student drops a concurrent course, we cannot cover the fees.

Q: How do I confirm the stipend has been applied to my account?

A: Once you have received a confirmation of payment email from Eastern Oklahoma State College GEAR UP, please allow 7-10 business days for your stipend to be applied to your account. If it has not been applied within 7-10 business days, you will need to contact your college/institute for payment confirmation.

We are grateful for the opportunity to offer this service to our eligible Eastern Oklahoma State College GEAR UP concurrent students for the Spring 2023 semester.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact Gail Wilson at 918-465-1884.



SUMMER EVENT SCHEDULE

GEAR UP Summer 2023

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LEADSHIP CAMP

JUNE

GEAR UP Leadership Camp
June 5-8

12

STEM CAMP

JUNE

GEAR UP STEM Camp
June 12-15

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GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

JULY

Global Leadership Summit
July 6-10 in San Juan, Puerto Rico

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YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

JULY

Youth Leadership Summit
July 12-20 in San Francisco, CA

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT

YOUR EDUCATION COORDINATOR

APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE



Global Leadership Summit Puerto Rico

July 6 -10, 2023

Available to
Senior 2023
GEAR UP
Students

Enjoy a perfect blend of man-made creations and natural wonders in beautiful San Juan, the Capitol of Puerto Rico. This Caribbean Island has a rich history with Spanish, African, and American influences. During the Summit led by Zion Leadership Group and EOSC Directors, students will attend leadership workshops and explore the language, culture, and history of Puerto Rico.

Provided by GEAR UP:

- ✓ Leadership workshops
- ✓ Cultural activities and excursions
- ✓ Meals, airfare, and transportation
- ✓ Hotel accommodations

Deadline

February 22, 2023

Notified By

No Later than
March 10, 2023

For more information or questions, contact your GEAR UP Education Coordinator



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**MAKE A COOL T-SHIRT
DESIGN FOR THE EOSC
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MANIA T-SHIRT**

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A GIFT CARD ALONG WITH
A T-SHIRT WITH THEIR
DESIGN ON IT...**

CONTEST RULES:

BE CREATIVE AND HAVE FUN WITH THE DESIGN

**MORE INFO: CONTACT
YOUR EDUCATION
COORDINATOR**

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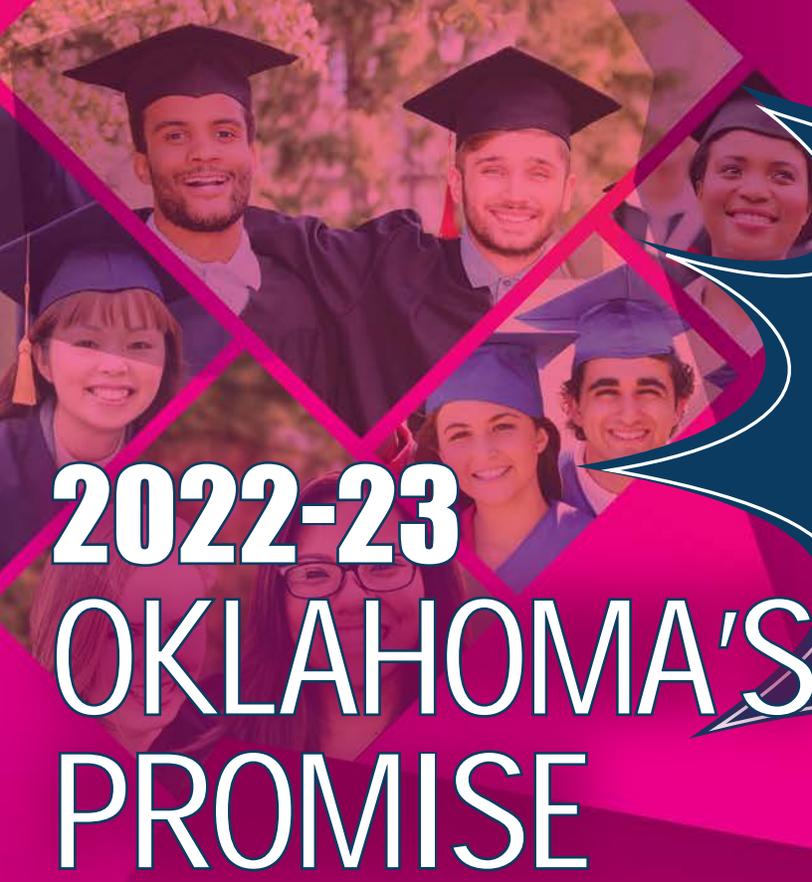
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2022-23 OKLAHOMA'S PROMISE

Who May Apply

Applicants must be:

- Oklahoma residents.
- 8th-, 9th-, 10th- or 11th-grade students (homeschool students must be age 13, 14, 15 or 16).
- Students who promise to meet the requirements of the program.
- Students whose parents' federal adjusted gross income does not exceed:
 - \$60,000 with 1 or 2 dependent children OR
 - \$70,000 with 3 or 4 dependent children OR
 - \$80,000 with 5 or more dependent children.

Special income provisions may apply to:

- Children adopted from certain court-ordered custody and children in the custody of court-appointed legal guardians.
- Social Security benefits based on the death or disability of the student's parent(s).

Contact the Oklahoma's Promise office for more information.

Additional documentation may be required.

How to Apply:

Online at www.okpromise.org or get an application from your counselor.

NEW INCOME LIMITS!

\$60K – 1 or 2 dependent children

\$70K – 3 or 4 dependent children

\$80K – 5 or more dependent children

The Promise

Upon completion of the program's requirements, you will earn:

- Tuition at an Oklahoma public two-year college or four-year university.
-OR-
- A portion of tuition at an accredited Oklahoma private college or university.
-OR-
- A portion of tuition for programs that qualify for federal financial aid at public career technology centers.

(The Oklahoma's Promise scholarship amount does not cover fees, books, supplies, or room and board.)

Get more Info:

www.okpromise.org

okpromise@osrhe.edu

(800) 858-1840 or (405) 225-9152

Ask your counselor.

Find us on 



A program created by the Oklahoma Legislature and administered by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

APPLY ONLINE TODAY!

WWW.OKPROMISE.ORG

HIGH SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate from an Oklahoma high school or homeschool education program.
- Take the 17 units of college prep high school courses (listed at the right) and achieve at least a 2.50 cumulative GPA in those courses.
- Achieve at least a 2.50 cumulative GPA for all courses in grades 9-12.
- Attend school regularly and do your homework.
- Stay away from drugs and alcohol.
- Don't commit criminal or delinquent acts.
- Provide information when requested.
- Meet with a school official to go over your school work and records on a regular basis.
- Apply for other financial aid during your senior year of high school.
- Take part in Oklahoma's Promise activities that will prepare you for college.

If you don't qualify for this program, see your counselor for information about additional scholarships, grants and student loans, and visit Oklahoma higher education's college planning website at www.OKcollegestart.org.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

- Prior to receiving any program benefit in college, the federal adjusted gross income (AGI) of the student's parents may not exceed \$100,000. Each year in college, Oklahoma's Promise students will be required to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which will be used to determine whether the federal adjusted gross income exceeds \$100,000. For any year the AGI exceeds \$100,000, the student will not be eligible to receive the program benefit.
- You must be an Oklahoma resident.
- You must be a U.S. citizen or lawfully present in the United States.
- You must meet regular admission standards for first-time entering students at the college or university to which you apply.
- You must start taking college courses within three years after you graduate high school.*
- You may not use the award for noncredit remedial courses.
- You may not receive awards for more than five consecutive years after enrolling in college.*
- You may not use the award for courses taken after you complete your bachelor's degree requirements.
- You may not receive award payments for more than 129 semester credit hours unless your degree program requires more hours.
- You must meet the college's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy requirements for eligibility to receive federal financial aid.
- An Oklahoma's Promise college student who is suspended for more than one semester for conduct reasons will lose the scholarship permanently.

* Students on active military duty may be eligible for certain waivers of these requirements.

REQUIRED COURSES**

4 ENGLISH (grammar, composition, literature; courses should include an integrated writing component)

3 LAB SCIENCE (biology, chemistry, physics or any lab science certified by the school district; general science with or without a lab may not be used to meet this requirement)

3 MATHEMATICS (from Algebra I, Algebra II, geometry, trigonometry, math analysis, pre-calculus, statistics and probability [must have completed geometry and Algebra II], calculus, Advanced Placement [AP] statistics)

3 HISTORY AND CITIZENSHIP SKILLS (including 1 unit of American history and 2 additional units from the subjects of history, economics, geography, government, non-Western culture)

2 FOREIGN OR NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE (two years of the same language)

-OR-

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY (two units in programming, hardware or business computer applications, such as word processing, databases, spreadsheets and graphics, will qualify; keyboarding or typing classes do NOT qualify)

(1 foreign language and 1 computer course will NOT meet this requirement)

1 ADDITIONAL COURSE from any of the subjects listed above or psychology, sociology or any concurrent liberal arts and science course at a State System institution

1 FINE ARTS (music, art, drama)

-OR-

SPEECH

17 Total Units

**Homeschool students or students graduating from a high school not accredited by the Oklahoma State Board of Education must also achieve a composite score of 22 or higher on the ACT test reported on an official test report issued by ACT (including superscores). ACT on-campus (residual) test scores do not qualify.



What to Expect After SUBMITTING YOUR FAFSA® FORM



Where does my FAFSA® information go once I submit it?

Your FAFSA® information is shared with the financial aid offices of the schools you list on the application as well as your state's higher education agency to figure out how much aid you may receive.



How can I check to see whether my FAFSA® form has been processed?

You can check the status of your FAFSA® form after submitting it online. You can check the status of a paper FAFSA® form after it has been processed (roughly 7–10 days from the date mailed).



What happens after my FAFSA® form is processed?

We'll send you a *Student Aid Report* (SAR), which is a summary of the FAFSA® data you submitted within three days to two weeks after you submit your FAFSA® form.



What do I do if I'm told I've been selected for verification?

If you've been selected for verification, don't assume you've done anything wrong. Your school is just checking to make sure your FAFSA® data is correct. Some schools verify every student! Provide the documentation your school asks for to avoid delays in receiving your aid.



What if I made a mistake on my FAFSA® form? How do I correct it?

Once your application has been processed, you can correct your FAFSA® form online or on paper. (Making corrections online is the easiest and fastest option).



How do I decide what aid to accept, and how do I accept it?

A good rule of thumb is scholarships and grants first, then earned money (work-study), and then borrowed money (federal student loans). Decide what aid you really need and respond to the school's aid offer by their deadline.



How do I get my money?

The financial aid staff at your school will explain exactly how and when your aid will be paid out. If you're receiving a federal student loan, you should expect to be required to sign a promissory note and go through entrance counseling.



FIND YOUR PATH

2022/2023 TEST DATES

SEP.
10

OCT.
22

DEC.
10

FEB.
11

APR.
15

JUN.
10

JUL.*
15

*No test centers are scheduled in New York for the July test date.

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WHY TAKE THE ACT TEST?

SAVE \$\$\$\$ ON TUITION

Taking the ACT test can increase your chances of earning new or better scholarships.

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TAKE THE RIGHT CLASSES

Your ACT score can help you place out of remedial coursework rather than sitting for additional placement tests on campus — saving time and money!

YOU'RE ALREADY PREPARED

Every question on the ACT is based on the high school curriculum you are already familiar with. While you've been studying for your classes, you've been preparing for the ACT.

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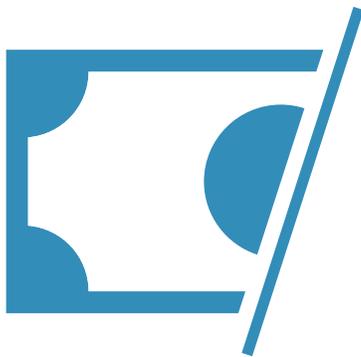
BE STEM READY

The ACT gives you the chance to stand out with a unique STEM score—a measure of preparedness for courses in STEM-related majors.

CALCULATE THE RIGHT ANSWERS

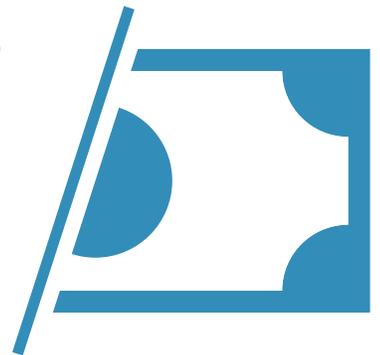
Students who take the ACT can use a calculator for the entire math section! The SAT does not allow this.

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FEE WAIVERS

Ask your counselor if you qualify for a fee waiver to take the ACT test for free. Fee waivers cover registration for up to 4 national tests, unlimited score reports, and provide free access to The Official ACT® Self-Paced Course, Powered by Kaplan®.



Register online at act.org/bts

Don't LOSE your SCHOLARSHIP!



Congrats!! You applied for and received scholarships to help pay for college. Understand the terms of your scholarships so you won't lose that hard earned cash!

FIRST:

Determine if any of your scholarships are **renewable**, meaning they will be automatically awarded if you meet or exceed the predetermined requirements. Answer these questions about your award: *How often is scholarship eligibility reviewed? When does the review occur? Do I need to reapply for renewal? How often? What info do I need to submit?*

NEXT:

Make sure you meet or exceed the requirements to keep your scholarships. Keep track of your eligibility semester-to-semester. Understand the repercussions of the decisions you make in college and the effect on your scholarships.

Meet or Exceed the GPA Requirement:

Many scholarships **require a minimum GPA** to be awarded and renewed (the required GPA may differ to be renewed). If you're falling below the minimum GPA, meet with your instructors and academic advisor to see what you can do about your grades. If possible, take extra classes in the summer or the following semester to pull your grade up in time.

Consider How Changing Your Major Changes Eligibility:

If you were awarded a scholarship from a specific academic department, area of study, or for a major of a certain field, **changing your major may put that scholarship at risk**. It's okay to want to study something else, just make sure you'll be okay without that scholarship if lost due to the change.

Consider How Changing Colleges Changes Eligibility:

You may have received scholarships that are specific to the college you are attending. **If you leave that college to go to another college, the scholarships don't get to tag along, too**. However, the college you will be attending might have awards for transfer students or other categories including field of study and having financial need.

Take Enough Credit Hours:

Some scholarships require recipients to be **full-time students or take a certain number of credit hours per academic year**. If you must drop a class, be sure to either replace it immediately (if possible) or retake it later. Discuss the number of credit hours required for your scholarships with your academic advisor when signing up for courses each semester to stay on track.

Think Before You Act:

If you get in trouble on a college campus for cheating, plagiarism, stealing, underage drinking, drugs, etc., **your scholarship could be at risk**. Also, think before you post on social media. Even outside scholarship providers could find out about your actions and revoke your awards.

Spend the Scholarship Money Wisely:

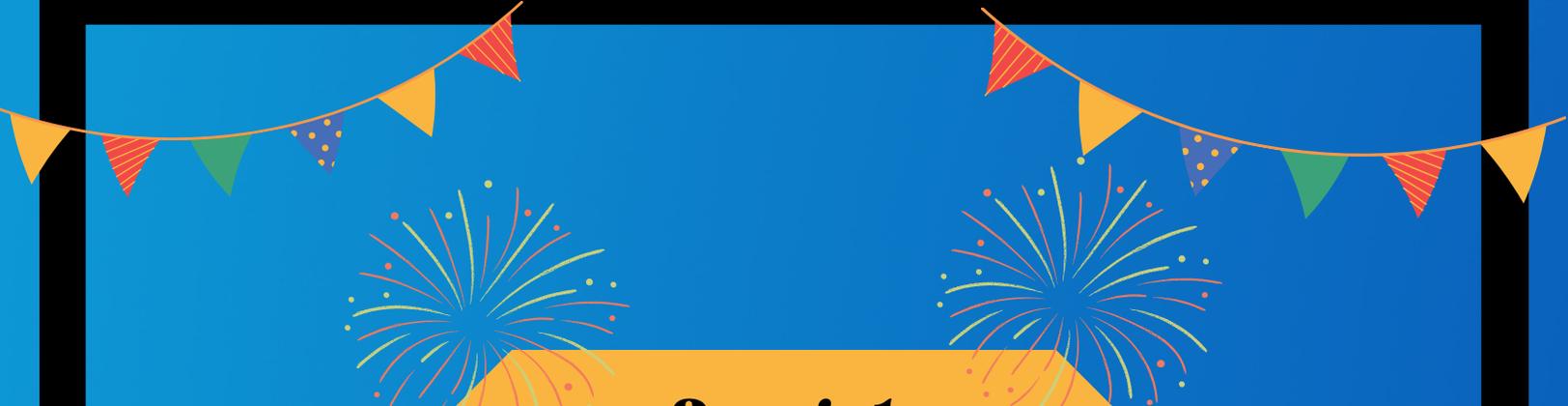
Scholarship providers might state exactly how they want you to use the money. Some examples would be **an award to be used for tuition only or a scholarship just for books**. If you spend the money on something other than what is specified, it could be revoked. Make sure you know the terms before spending the scholarship money.

Other Factors to Consider:

If you take **time off from school** due to an illness, to work or save money, for study-abroad, or other reasons, find out the implications on your financial aid. Ensure you're **acquiring the community service hours** (if required) for your scholarship. Send academic, athletic, or philanthropic **progress reports** to the provider, if needed. Fulfill **post-baccalaureate service requirements** (teaching or military service).

What to Do If You Lose a Scholarship:

Try not to panic. If you lost a scholarship due to not meeting eligibility requirements, **there is often an appeals process**. Find out the process and follow it to the letter. **Document any extenuating circumstances** (illness, lost job, family emergency, etc.). If your award runs out, you can **appeal for an extension or apply again for a possible second round of funding**. Even if you do lose eligibility for one scholarship, it doesn't mean you're ineligible for other opportunities. **Search for other scholarships and apply**.



**Special
GIVE AWAY!**

Parents!

Thank you for reading and sharing our newsletter. Click the Link Below or Scan the QR Code and fill out the form to be entered for a giveaway for a GEAR UP Goodie Bag

<http://bit.ly/eoscgearup2023giveaway>



Drawing Occurs: April 1, 2023

