

EASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE COLLEGE

FALL 2023



NEWSLETTER



GEAR UP - IGNITE BELIEF



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

It's hard to believe students are in their senior year of school and the seventh year of our Ignite Belief Grant. We are working hard to prepare our students for their senior year and what's to come in their future.

We have many things planned for the upcoming months to prepare students for graduation. As this semester kicks off, 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



Tour of Galveston



GEAR UP will be touring colleges and universities across Texas.

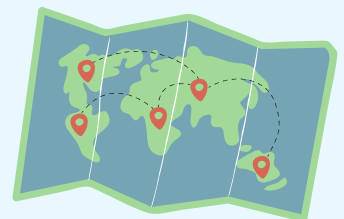
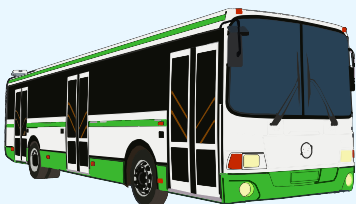
October 17-20, 2023

GEAR UP students are invited to attend a three-night, four-day touring event. All expenses paid by GEAR UP. Students will learn about various colleges and universities along with various career opportunities.



GEAR UP tour will be offered to a LIMITED NUMBER OF GEAR UP students. Students will be notified of selection by October 6, 2023.

Application MUST BE SUBMITTED to student's GEAR UP Education Coordinator by September 29, 2023.



MOUNTAINEER



MANIA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023

Mountaineer Mania is Eastern's High School Senior Visit Day.

- Learn about academic programs and majors
- Visit with Student Club and Organization representatives
- Get information about financial aid and scholarships
- Learn about campus housing

Participants will enjoy free food, games, prizes, a scholarship drawing and more!

COME SEE GEAR UP!





TEST DATES

United States, US Territories, and Puerto Rico



2023|2024

Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
September 9, 2023	August 4	August 18	September 1
October 28, 2023	September 22	October 6	October 20
December 9, 2023	November 3	November 17	December 1
February 10, 2024	January 5	January 19	February 2
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 22	April 5
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17	May 31
July 13, 2024*	June 7	June 21	July 5

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

Test Information Release for the 2023–2024 testing year will occur in September, April, and June. See www.act.org/the-act/tir for more information.

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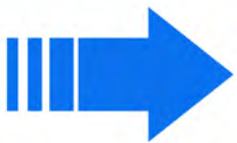
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FAFSA 2024 -25 SIMPLIFICATION



Updated July 24, 2023

On Dec. 27, 2020, Congress passed the *FAFSA Simplification Act*. This act will offer a major redesign of the processes and systems used to award federal financial aid. Below is an overview of the current proposed changes as of July 2023. Please visit [StartWithFAFSA.org](https://www.startwithfafsa.org) for the most up-to-date information.

- The 2024-2025 FAFSA will be released in December 2023. No specific date announced yet.
- The number of questions on the FAFSA will be greatly reduced.
- **New on the Federal Student Aid ID, or FSA ID:**
 - ⇒ Every student, parent, or spouse that is required to complete a section of the FAFSA will need to have a verified FSA ID, even if they do NOT have a Social Security Number (SSN). Instructions for those creating the FSA ID without a SSN have not been released at this time.
 - ⇒ All FSA IDs must be set up 3-5 days before starting the FAFSA.
 - ⇒ Married students and parents who filed their taxes separately must each create their own FSA ID to enter information and sign the FAFSA.
 - ⇒ Everyone creating a FSA ID will need their own separate email address.
 - ⇒ The FSA ID will require a two-factor authentication each time the user logs in to the FAFSA.
- Everyone who enters their information on the FAFSA must give the U.S. Department of Education consent to access their federal income tax information from the IRS, even if they did NOT file a tax return.
- The parental information used on the FAFSA will be from the parent who provided the most financial support in the last 12 months.
- Each person completing the FAFSA will only be able to see questions related to their role. For instance, students will only see questions that should be answered by the student and parents will only see questions related to their role.
- Family size will come from the number of exemptions reported on the federal tax return used to complete the FAFSA. Some exceptions will be allowed.
- **Families with an adjusted gross income of \$60,000 and higher will be required to answer asset questions on the FAFSA form.**
- There is no longer an exemption for small businesses with fewer than 100 employees or family farms. The net value of the business and family farm will need to be reported in the asset section of the FAFSA.
- The Expected Family Contribution, or EFC, has been renamed as the Student Aid Index, or SAI.
- **The Student Aid Index (SAI) formula will no longer be divided by the number in college. Students with multiple siblings in college have the potential to have a much larger SAI with no change in income.**
- **The Student Aid Report, or SAR, has been renamed as the FAFSA Submission Summary, or FSS.**



[startwithfafsa.org](https://www.startwithfafsa.org)



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10 Endorsed by Parents

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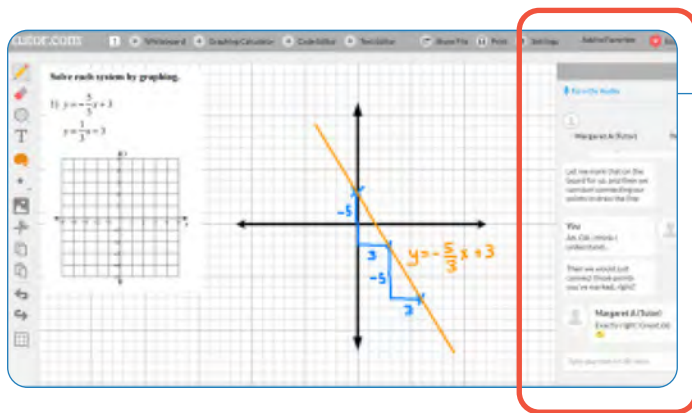
Step 1: Get started

1. Go to:
2. Click on **Tutor.com**.
3. Create or sign in to your free Tutor.com account.
4. Click on **Connect with a Tutor**.



Step 2: Get the right tutor

Fill in the quick pre-session questionnaire. Using this information, we will match you with the first available tutor best qualified to assist you.

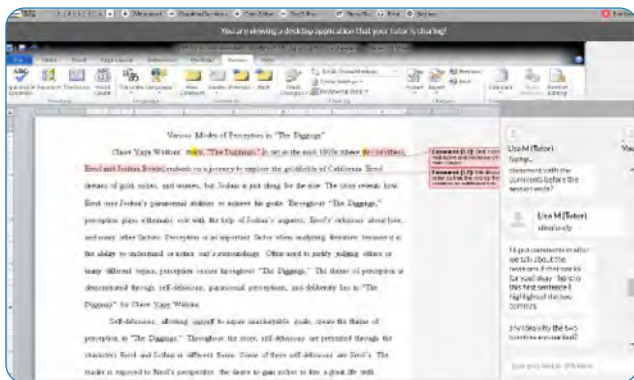


Step 3: Communicate

Use your chat box or an audio connection to instant message or speak with your tutor in the online classroom. You and the tutor may also use the interactive whiteboard to share work and ideas. *All activity in the classroom is recorded for review and quality control.*

Step 4: Share a file

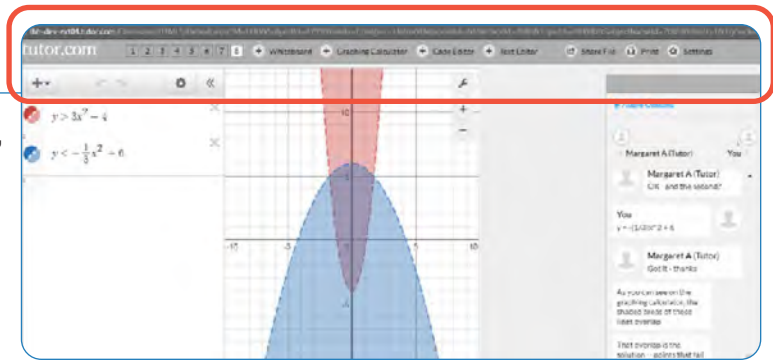
You can share many types of files with your tutor in the classroom. Upload an essay, your lab report, a PowerPoint presentation, and more. You and your tutor will be able to view the file together in the classroom.



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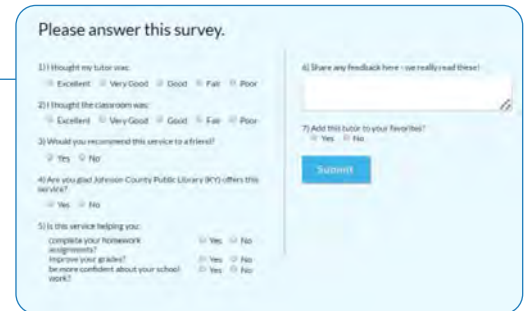
Step 5: Use special tools

The classroom includes a graphing calculator, text editor, and code editor that you can use when working on subject material that may require these special tools. Open them by using the buttons above the whiteboard.



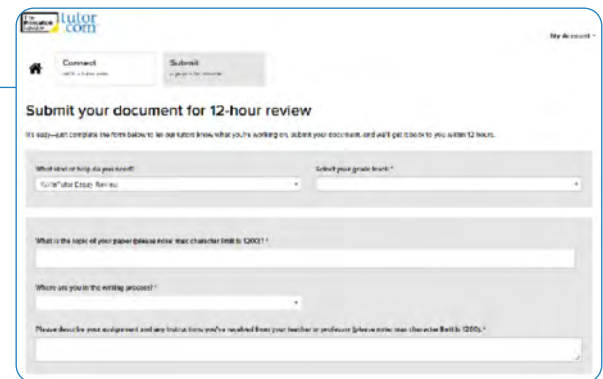
Step 6: Rate and review your session

After each session, be sure to let us know how we did! Complete the survey and share your comments. Then you'll have the option to play a video of your session and email or print the chat log and whiteboards.



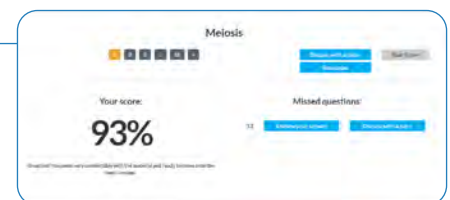
Step 7: Submit your paper

Our **Drop-Off Review** service allows you to get expert help from a tutor without having to connect for a real-time session. Upload your writing assignment and get detailed feedback and explanations within 12 hours. Retrieve your tutor's completed review under **My Sessions**.



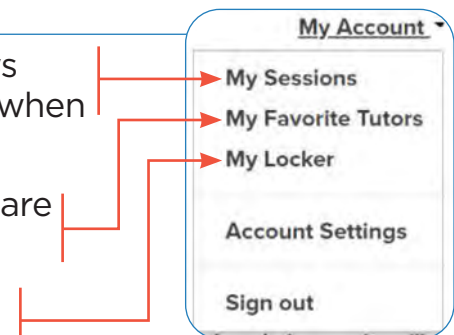
Step 8: Practice for a test

Use our practice quizzes to assess your level of knowledge and practice for upcoming tests or quizzes in math, science, and English. Take a quiz, review your results, and connect with a tutor to discuss any missed questions.



Step 9: Use My Account

- Review previous sessions and retrieve drop-off reviews from **My Sessions**. Be sure to tag your favorite tutors when reviewing your sessions.
- Reconnect with your favorite tutors or see when they are next scheduled from the **My Favorite Tutors** section.
- Access files you have saved or those you have shared in session with your tutors from **My Locker**.



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Scholarship Season

It's time to start applying for your scholarships!

Your most important scholarships will be those offered by your college(s) of choice

Make sure to apply for those along with your college applications.

There are lots of other sources for scholarships, though.

You should apply for as many as you can!



Scholarship Resources

- High School Counselor, Your Education Coordinator, or other advisor
- Local businesses, community organizations, foundations, and civic groups
- Organizations related to your field of interest
- Ethnicity-based organizations, Tribal sources, etc
- You or your parent's employers
- unigo.com
- niche.com/colleges/scholarships/
- fastweb.com
- ucango2.org/Scholarships.html

Scholarships of Note

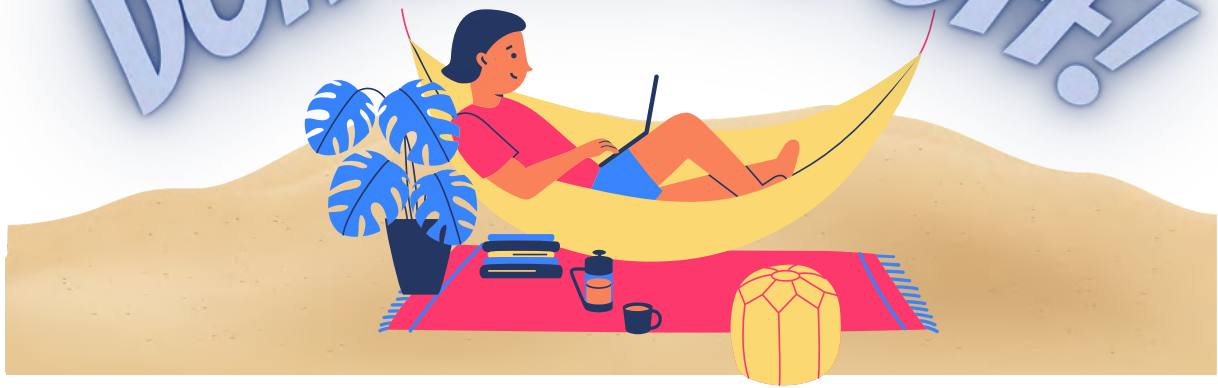
- Hagan Foundation Scholarship
- Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation
- Gates Foundation Scholarship
- Choctaw Nation Scholarship
- Community State Bank - Continuing Education Scholarship
- Kiamichi Elec. Co-op Scholarship
- Okla. Energy Resource Board
- Proctor & Gamble (Tide)
- VFW Voices of Democracy
- Sallie Mae Scholarship
- Elks Foundation Scholarship
- Department of Veteran's Affairs
- Jack Kent Cooke Foundation
- Donohue Family Foundation



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Scan QR Code or Enter URL for a list of links to scholarship info and applications

DON'T PUT IT OFF!



Keep on top of all of your upcoming dates and deadlines!

GEAR UP EVENTS & DEADLINES:

Tour of Galveston - October 17-20, 2023

Applications due September 29, 2023

Concurrent Fee Waiver Application (Fall Semester)

October 16, 2023

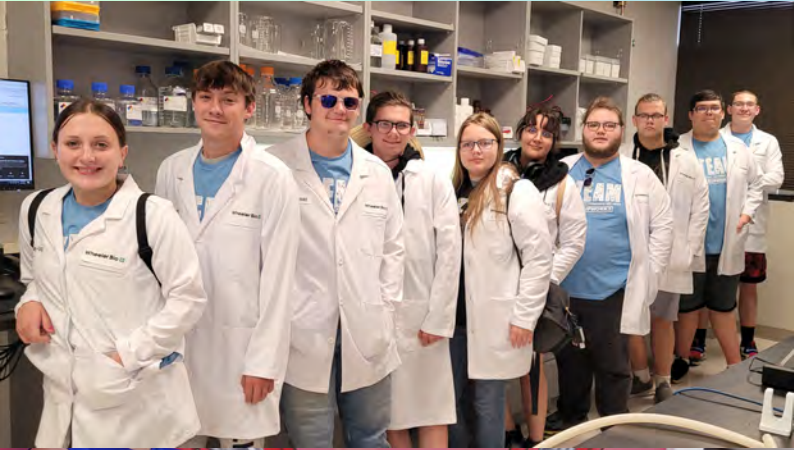
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PAY ATTENTION TO:

College Application Deadlines

Scholarship Due Dates

ACT Testing Dates



a summer of fun

Leadership Camp - EOSC Campus

STEAM Camp - Oklahoma City

Global Leadership Summit - Puerto Rico

Youth Leadership Summit - San Francisco