

West Virginia GEAR UP

This PDF contains live links!
Click the sites and linked text
to launch online resources.

What is it and what does it have to do with me?

West Virginia GEAR UP is a program that helps students in eleven West Virginia counties—including yours—get help planning, applying and paying for college.

Continuing your education after high school is more important now than ever. West Virginia GEAR UP can help you get the grades, get into college, and get a degree (that way, you can score better paying jobs and all the shiny, flashy, happy stuff that comes with them).

Sounds great, right? Well, honestly, it is. See, West Virginia GEAR UP is a federally funded grant program, and that means you get extra opportunities—chances other students in the state may not have—to prepare for your future.

But you've got to step up, and make good use of the resources offered. Check out the FAQs (on the next page) to learn about the sort of services WV GEAR UP can provide.

Then start thinking about what your goals are, and how you're going to make it all happen. Chances are, you'll see that the GEAR UP program can help.

Visit www.wvgearup.org for more info.



West Virginia GEAR UP



Frequently Asked Questions

What does GEAR UP stand for? GEAR UP stands for **G**aining **E**arly **A**wareness and **R**eadiness for **U**ndergraduate **P**rograms.

What can West Virginia GEAR UP do for you? It can help change your life. Students who complete training and education beyond high school make thousands (often tens of thousands) of dollars more per year than those who stop during or after HS. And since GEAR UP can help you get that training and education, GEAR UP can help change your life!

What does GEAR UP provide? Tutoring, mentoring, college visits, financial aid counseling and FAFSA completion workshops, educational tools and technology for your school, career planning/counseling, test prep and study skills workshops, parent and community activities, awards for students' hard work, and much more. Some services may vary from school to school.

Who can participate in GEAR UP? Only certain students in certain schools within certain counties are eligible to participate in West Virginia GEAR UP. There's a [list of eligible schools](#) online, but most schools in Boone, Clay, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Nicholas, Roane, Wayne, Webster, and Wirt counties are considered GEAR UP schools. The classes of 2027 and 2028 at eligible schools are considered GEAR UP students and will be served beginning in the 7th grade all the way through graduation and into their first year of postsecondary education. Additionally, all 12th grade students at eligible schools will be served every year of the grant from now through 2028.

Why are the classes of 2027 and 2028 so special? They get to receive extra help so that GEAR UP can watch their progress every year and see which services are the most effective in helping students get to college. That way, the best GEAR UP services can be copied and used statewide in years to come.

How long does this program last? Through the 2027-2028 academic year.

Visit www.wvgearup.org for more info.

