



### **What is GEAR UP?**

1. Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs.
2. “Undergraduate programs: means continuing a student’s education after high school graduation by enrolling in training for a technical or professional career.

### **Who participates in GEAR UP?**

1. Nevada State GEAR UP begins in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at selected middle schools. Eighth grade students new to the GEAR UP middle school are enrolled in GEAR UP when they register.
2. Each student remains part of the GEAR UP Cohort as long as they are enrolled in a GEAR UP middle or high school and participation benchmarks are met.

### **What does GEAR UP provide?**

1. In the 8<sup>th</sup> grade all students will review and redevelop an Individual Learning Plan with their counselor and participate in a field trip to their zoned high school or a magnet school based on individual interests.
2. In each subsequent year, GEAR UP activities will reinforce staying in school, passing proficiency tests, and preparing for a productive career.
3. A scholarship in the form of a grant to attend a Nevada System of Higher Education school – community college, state college, or university is reserved for every cohort member who graduates in 2012 with a minimum GPA of 2.0.

### **What is a GEAR UP parent/guardian?**

1. You encourage your student to stay in school, study every day and focus on graduating with the Class of 2012.
2. You support your student’s dreams and aspirations. Talk to him/her about current interests. Encourage research to find out all he/she can about careers that interesting.
3. You read the GEAR UP Agreement with your student and each of you sign it.

### **What is the GEAR UP Grant?**

1. The GEAR UP Grant is money set aside from the federal GEAR UP allotment to the State of Nevada for the purpose of providing funds for GEAR UP Cohort members to attend a Nevada community college, state college or university.
2. The grant is like a savings account in your student’s name, held in trust by the Nevada State Treasurer’s office, to be used for education beyond high school.
3. The grant amount is sufficient to pay registration fees (tuition) and books for a four year degree.