



# NJ GEAR UP Scholarship Form

Students who are eligible for the NJ GEAR UP State Project Scholarship and wish to receive this award must complete this form prior to **each academic year** that they are enrolled in college in New Jersey that awards bachelor's or associate degrees – technical schools are not eligible. For updated forms, eligibility requirements and other information visit <http://www.nj.gov/highereducation/gearup>.

**Deadlines: June 1<sup>st</sup> for the next academic year or fall only and November 1<sup>st</sup> for spring semester only.**

- Confirm your eligibility with your GEAR UP program staff.
- Complete this form only after you have made a final decision about the college where you will attend.
- You are responsible for submitting this form each academic year that you attend college. You do not need to submit a new form in the spring if you continue at the same college for the whole year.
- Late forms will result in forfeiture of the scholarship for that semester. **Do not wait for your term bill or award letter!**
- If you transfer to another college, you must submit an update immediately.
- You are responsible for keeping your contact information up to date with the Commission on Higher Education.
- *Returning students must also send an unofficial transcript.*

**You must file the FAFSA and submit this form each year on time or you WILL NOT receive funding**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Mailing Address(if known): \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If your name has changed since 2000, write your previous name: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate the semester(s) in which you will enroll:  Both Fall and Spring\*  Fall Only  Spring Only

\*If you do not attend in the fall semester, funds will not be sent to your institution for the spring semester. You must notify the Commission if you return to college for the spring semester.

At which college or university will you enroll? \_\_\_\_\_  
**(College name is required – List only one)**

If **Rutgers University**, select a campus:  Camden  Newark  New Brunswick

Degree program (e.g. A.S., B.S., B.A.): \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you included your unofficial transcript (returning) or transcript request form (first-year)?  Yes

If you have earned a degree since 2000, provide: Degree earned: \_\_\_\_\_ Date earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

### Family Educational Rights Privacy Act (FERPA) Permission to Release Information

In compliance with the FERPA, Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 as amended, information held by your college may not be released to a third party without written permission. To grant College Bound/NJ GEAR UP access to your information, please complete and sign: I, \_\_\_\_\_ authorize College Bound/NJ GEAR UP to have access to my educational records, including my college/ university academic, financial, and enrollment records, and to share my financial information and social security number with their banking institutions to facilitate the processing of any scholarship awards.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### IF STUDENT IS NOT YET 18 YEARS OLD:

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent SS# \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax to:** NJ GEAR UP (609) 292-7225 or

**Mail to:** NJ GEAR UP, NJ Commission on Higher Education, P.O. Box 542, Trenton, NJ 08625-0542

*Include your email address if you want confirmation that your form has been received*