

Media Fact Sheet



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Overview

GEAR UP Iowa is a \$22.4 million grant administered by Iowa College Aid and funded through the U.S. Department of Education to increase the number of Iowa students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

Objectives

- ⚙️ Increase student academic performance and preparation for postsecondary education.
- ⚙️ Increase the rates of high school graduation and enrollment in postsecondary education.
- ⚙️ Increase student and family knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparation and financing.

Key Facts

- ⚙️ GEAR UP stands for Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs.
- ⚙️ GEAR UP Iowa is a long-term partnership between Iowa College Aid, 12 school districts and nearly 40 institutions for higher education and community-based organizations.
- ⚙️ The current cycle of GEAR UP Iowa is 2014–2021 and is following over 7,000 students from seventh grade into their first year of postsecondary education.
- ⚙️ Districts were selected based on participating in the first grant cycle (2008–2014) and having 50% or more of their student body on free and reduced-price lunch.
- ⚙️ Students and parents receive a variety of services aimed at preparing academically, financially and inspirationally to enroll and succeed in college.
- ⚙️ GEAR UP Iowa is a key component of Iowa's Future Ready Iowa and Goal 2025.

For Students

Services include tutoring, mentoring, college visits, career exploration, ACT/SAT test preparation and financial aid education.

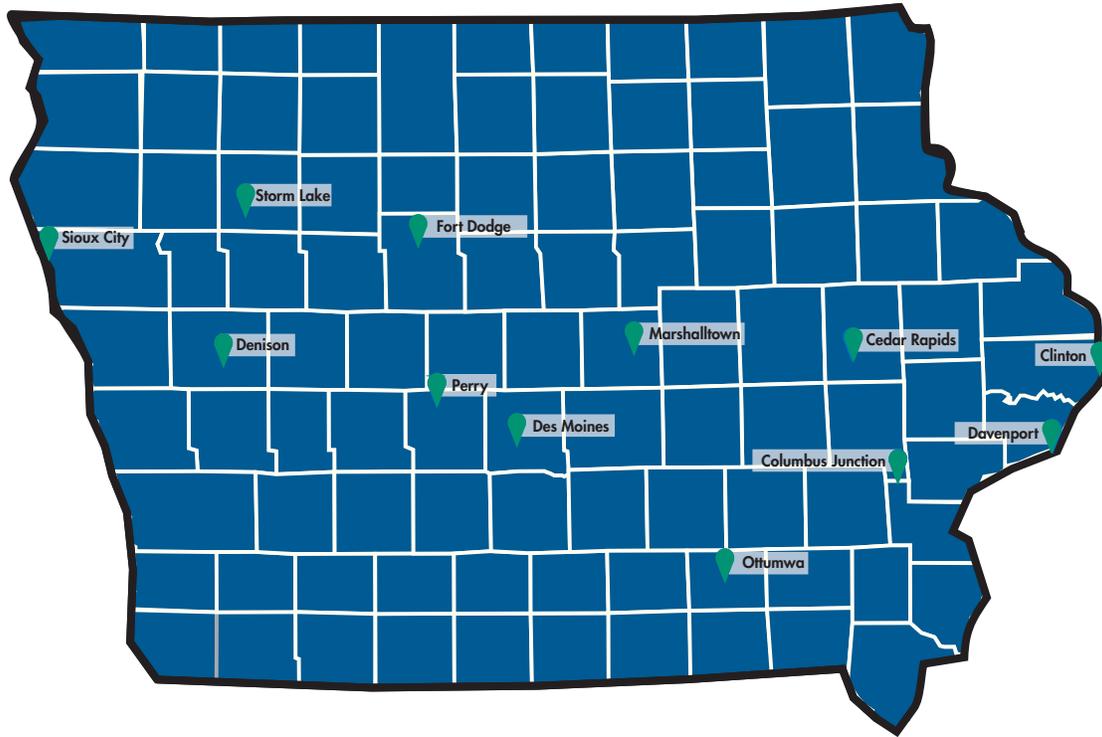
Upon enrollment in college, GEAR UP Iowa students will receive a modest scholarship for up to four years.

For Families

For parents and guardians, GEAR UP Iowa offers services, information and activities designed so that families learn about college together and can become more involved in helping students succeed.

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Participating Districts and Schools



Cedar Rapids

Thomas Jefferson High School
John F. Kennedy High School
George Washington High School
Metro Alternative High School

Clinton

Clinton High School

Columbus Junction

Columbus Community High School

Davenport

North High School
Central High School
Mid City Alternative High School
West High School

Denison

Denison High School

Des Moines

North High School
Hoover High School
Roosevelt High School
Scavo Alternative High School
East High School
Lincoln High School
Central Academy

Fort Dodge

Fort Dodge High School

Marshalltown

Marshalltown High School

Ottumwa

Ottumwa High School

Perry

Perry High School

Sioux City

East High School
North High School
West High School

Storm Lake

Storm Lake High School



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