



ROLE MODEL RECOGNITION AWARDS

WHAT IS IT?

The GEAR UP Parent / Role Model Recognition Celebration is an event that honors those who are making a positive difference in the lives of our students. Parents and role models nominated by a GEAR UP student will be recognized during this event in a special ceremony April 5, 2011. Invitations will be sent to those participating. Awards will be presented to nominees who have demonstrated outstanding support and encouragement of a student's educational success.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

All current GEAR UP students are eligible to submit an official nomination form describing how a parent or other adult, positive role model in their life has encouraged, supported, inspired, motivated, or otherwise influenced them to continue their education beyond high school. Students may nominate as many individuals as they'd like, but only one person may be nominated per entry. The same individual may be nominated only once by the same student. Completed nomination forms must be submitted to the Fairmont State GEAR UP office **NO LATER than 4:00pm on March 1, 2011.** Incomplete forms will not be valid. All nominations will be reviewed and ranked by a volunteer panel which may consist of GEAR UP staff, partners, college students, and business and community leaders.

WHAT DO SCHOOLS NEED TO DO?

Schools simply need to make the nomination forms available to all GEAR UP students and notify them of their option to complete and submit the forms. All forms are to be submitted to the school's GEAR UP Site Coordinator, or other designated person who will be responsible for turning in all nominations to the Fairmont State GEAR UP office no later than **4:00pm on March 1, 2011.** In order to keep the competition fair, nomination forms will absolutely NOT be accepted beyond this deadline.

IS THIS AN ESSAY CONTEST?

Note: Entries will not be judged solely on writing ability. Students will be asked to free-write "straight from the heart". Once their content is organized, students may receive assistance from teachers for minor spelling and grammar corrections. Entries can be typed or handwritten.

OFFICIAL REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Only current GEAR UP students in grades 11 – 12 are eligible to submit nominations.**
- 2. Students are to be instructed to free-write their first draft "straight from the heart". Once their content is organized, teachers may offer minor assistance with grammar and spelling revisions and ensure that final entries are legible.**
- 3. Nominees must be persons over 18 with whom the student is acquainted. Fictional characters, such as Sponge Bob Square Pants, do not qualify. If a deceased person is nominated, we can notify the family of the nomination if an address is provided.**
- 4. Only FULLY completed nomination forms will be accepted until the deadline of March 1, 2011. Nominations will absolutely not be accepted beyond the deadline.**
- 5. Nominations must contain factual information. Any nominations found to be intentionally false will be disqualified.**
- 6. This is to be announced as an optional project, not mandatory.**



ROLE MODEL RECOGNITION NOMINATION FORM

PLEASE PROVIDE ALL INFORMATION. INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE VALID.
THIS COVER SHEET MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH EACH ENTRY.

I. STUDENT INFORMATION

Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Daytime Telephone: _____ other phone: _____
School _____ Grade _____

II. NOMINEE INFORMATION

I would like to nominate the following individual as an honorary GEAR UP role model.
(Be sure to provide correct information so that we can invite this person to the April 5, 2011 ceremony.)

Full Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Daytime Telephone: _____ other phone: _____
Relationship to you (parent, aunt, neighbor, pastor, friend, etc.) _____

III. DESCRIPTION

Describe on the following pages **WHY** you think this person is a good role model to you. Please include **HOW** your role model has encouraged, supported, inspired, motivated or otherwise influenced you to continue your education beyond high school. You may attach additional pages if needed, but be sure your name, school, and the page number appear on all pages submitted.

