

FAIRMONT STATE GEAR UP FAMILY COMPUTER SCHOLARSHIP 2010-2011  
APPLICATION PACKET

PRINT YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT YOUR ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAILING ADDRESS CITY ZIP CODE

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ 11<sup>TH</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 12<sup>TH</sup>

HAVE YOU APPLIED IN THE PAST? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

I am submitting the following items as required for the Family Computer Scholarship Application (check-off each box to verify that each item is attached). I understand that if I fail to attach each required item listed below, I could be eliminated from this competition.

- PART I I write a statement about my participation in GEAR UP and my future plans..
- PART II I write a statement which:
  - States "Why" is it important to me that I win this computer scholarship.
  - Describes how winning this computer will help me be a better student.
  - Describes how winning this computer will help my family.
  - Includes any other information I would like the Scholarship Selection Committee at Fairmont State GEAR UP to know.
- PART III Your Parent or Guardian completes both pages of their Statement of Need.
- PART IV Your Parent or Guardian reads PART IV and signs in the space provided.
- PART V Student reads PART V and signs in the space provided.
- PART VI Home Computer Information Form (must be submitted even if you do not have a home computer!).
- PART VII A written Recommendation from at least two (2) teachers [these can be your current teachers or teachers you have had in earlier grades]
- PART VIII School official completes PART IX which verifies my Attendance.
- PART IX School provides my Fall 2010 GPA.

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ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR  
A GEAR UP LAPTOP COMPUTER

DID YOU WIN A GEAR UP HOME COMPUTER IN THE PAST? \_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO  
IF YES, THE YEAR OF AWARD \_\_\_\_\_

DID ANYONE IN YOUR FAMILY WIN A GEAR UP HOME COMPUTER IN THE PAST?  
\_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO IF YES, THE YEAR OF AWARD \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE:

- If you are a GEAR UP Senior and won a GEAR UP Family Computer Scholarship in 2009 or 2010 and received a laptop computer, you ARE NOT eligible to apply this year.
- If you are a GEAR UP Senior and won a GEAR UP Family Computer Scholarship in 2006-2008 and received a desktop computer, you ARE eligible to apply again this year for a laptop computer award.
- If you are a GEAR UP Junior and have won either a desktop or laptop computer in the past, you ARE NOT eligible to apply this year.
- If there are two GEAR UP Students living in the same household, there can only be one Computer Scholarship system awarded to the family. THE ONLY EXCEPTION WOULD BE those families who have a senior student who won a computer in the past and plans on taking the computer to college next fall or if the computer system they won is broken and has been evaluated by Heaster Hart and cannot be repaired. Those families may reapply.

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES

1. Applications **MUST BE COMPLETED IN INK! IF IT IS NOT, IT WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY ELIMINATED.**
2. Applications **MUST BE HAND-WRITTEN** and **MUST BE READABLE**. **EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE ONLY FOR THOSE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.**
3. Student sections (Parts I, II, and V) of the Application **MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT** himself or herself. A parent, brother, sister, friend, or relative may not complete these sections for the student.
4. Information provided must be truthful. If we find out that the information is not truthful, the applicant will be disqualified.
5. **SCREENING and SELECTION GUIDELINES**- Each application will be scored for each of the categories listed in the **CHECK OFF LIST** on cover page.
6. All applications will be screened by the Fairmont State **GEAR UP Scholarship Selection Committee**. They will make the final selections.

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PRINT STUDENT NAME ON THIS PAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART I - Use Ink Pen and MAKE SURE WE CAN READ IT.**

Signature of Person Completing this Page \_\_\_\_\_

**MY WRITTEN STATEMENT ABOUT GEAR UP PARTICIPATION AND FUTURE PLANS:**

1. Describe the GEAR UP activities you participated in this year and describe why they were important to you.
2. How will winning this computer system better prepare you for college or other post-secondary opportunities?

**Use the back of this page or another piece of paper if you need additional space.**

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**PART II - Use Ink Pen and MAKE SURE WE CAN READ IT.**

Signature of Person Completing this Page \_\_\_\_\_

**MY WRITTEN STATEMENT which:**

1. States "WHY" it is important that I win this computer scholarship.
2. Describes how winning this computer will help me be a better student.
3. Describes how winning this computer will help my family.
4. Includes any other information I would like the Scholarship Selection Committee to know about me.

**Use the back of this page or another piece of paper if you need additional space.**

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PRINT STUDENT NAME ON THIS PAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME ON THIS PAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART III - Use Ink Pen and MAKE SURE WE CAN READ IT.**

Signature of Person Completing this Page \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT'S (OR GUARDIAN'S) STATEMENT OF NEED**

Please tell us why it would be difficult (financially or for some other reason) for you to own a family computer if your child does not win it through GEAR UP grant funds and why a computer is important to your child's educational future. If you need help in completing this statement, please contact your school GEAR UP Site Coordinator.

**Use the back of this page, or another piece of paper if you need more space.**

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**PART III - Statement of Need**

*It is important that the Screening Committee understands your financial need for assistance in obtaining a GEAR UP computer system. Priority will be given to those families who do not have a home computer, are not financially able to purchase a computer system, to those whose home computer is old, or to those who may have a home computer, but who have unique situations demonstrating a need for another computer.*

**PLEASE CHECK ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING AS THEY APPLY. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.**

**Family income is at or below the 2009  
Bureau of Labor Statistics Low Standard Budget Checked below:**

<u>No. In Family</u>	<u>2009 Total Income Before Taxes</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	\$19,240
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	25,900
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	32,560
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	39,220
<input type="checkbox"/> 5	45,880
<input type="checkbox"/> 6	52,540
<input type="checkbox"/> over 6	\$ 52,540 plus \$6,660 for each additional person in family

- Paying for a computer system and internet access would be a financial hardship on the family at this time.
- Family receives public assistance
- Student is ward of the state
- Student resides in foster home
- Student participates in free or reduced-price lunch program at school
- Student participates in a federally funded TRIO program such as Upward Bound
  
- None of the above apply. We would still like to be considered for a computer scholarship.

*Please feel free to provide any additional information you would like us to know when considering your application on back of this form.*

**REQUIRED PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

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### **PART IV: PARENT UNDERSTANDING & AGREEMENT**

1. I understand that this Family Computer Scholarship is being provided through the Fairmont State **GEAR UP** grant, a federally funded program which provides special academic and support services to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade **GEAR UP** students to help them do their best in high school and to be prepared to go on to college if desired.
2. I understand that the Family Computer package includes a state-of-the-art computer, color printer, and specified software at no cost to me or my family.
3. I understand that the computer package comes with a warranty that will be explained to me upon delivery. Neither Fairmont State, my child's school, nor my county office is responsible if malfunctions occur with my new computer. All service issues will need to be handled directly through the computer support service.
4. I understand that any replacement of toner or ink in my color printer is at my expense and not the expense of Fairmont State, my child's high school, or my county office.
5. I understand that it is my responsibility to monitor and oversee my child's use of the Internet.
6. Computers and printers will be distributed at award and parent training session scheduled for May 22, 2011. I agree to participate in such training. Training will include an overview of the computer software programs, as well as a review of the value and concerns in using the Internet.
7. I understand that Internet service will NOT be provided due to grant funding.
8. I understand that the computer's main goal is for educational purposes and should not be sold under any circumstances and the computer should be housed in the primary residence of the student.
9. I understand that if false information has been intentionally provided on these forms, my child will be disqualified from participating or from receiving, or keeping, a computer scholarship. If such an award is made under false pretenses, such computer system will be returned to Fairmont State.
10. If I am not satisfied with the quality or function of the computer supplied, I agree to hold Fairmont State, my child's high school, and my County Board of Education harmless from any liability.

**REQUIRED PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PART V: STUDENT UNDERSTANDING & AGREEMENT**

1. I understand that this Family Computer Scholarship is being provided through the Fairmont State **GEAR UP** grant, a federally funded program which provides special academic and support services to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade **GEAR UP** students to help you do your best in high school and to be prepared to go on to college or post-secondary training.
  
2. I understand that the Family Computer package includes a state-of-the-art computer, color printer, and specified software at no cost to me or my family.
  
3. I understand that the purpose of this computer is to help me with my classes.
  
4. I agree to do my best and to use this computer to help improve my grades now and in preparation for education beyond high school.
  
5. I am committed to doing my very best now and in the future as expected through this computer scholarship award.
  
6. I understand that this computer should not be sold under any circumstances.
  
7. I understand that if I fool around, loaf, don't study, don't do my homework, that this could risk my losing this computer award and I am willing to put the time that it takes into my classes if I receive this computer.
  
8. I understand that I had to be honest in what I wrote and in what I have submitted in this application, and the statements I have made are truthful.
  
9. Finally, I understand that this is a very serious award, to be taken seriously, and to support my education so that I have a good future ahead of me.

**REQUIRED STUDENT SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PART VI - HOME COMPUTER INFORMATION FORM**

*It is important that the Screening Committee understands your home computer situation. Priority will be given to those families who do not have a home computer, to those whose home computer is old, or to those who may have a home computer, but who have unique situations demonstrating a need for another computer.*

DO YOU/YOUR FAMILY HAVE A DESKTOP OR LAPTOP COMPUTER (NOT XBOX, PLAYSTATION OR NINTENDO) IN YOUR HOME?    \_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO

IF YES, HOW MANY? \_\_\_\_\_

IF YES, IS IT A GEAR UP COMPUTER WON BY A GEAR UP SENIOR WHO WILL BE TAKING THE COMPUTER TO COLLEGE? \_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO

IF YOU HAVE A COMPUTER, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS FOR EACH COMPUTER IN YOUR HOME. IF YOU DO NOT OWN A COMPUTER, STOP HERE AND GO ON TO PART VII.

COMPUTER #1	COMPUTER #2	COMPUTER #3
Is your 11 <sup>th</sup> / 12 <sup>th</sup> grade child permitted to use this computer? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	Is your 11 <sup>th</sup> / 12 <sup>th</sup> grade child permitted to use this computer? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	Is your 11 <sup>th</sup> / 12 <sup>th</sup> grade child permitted to use this computer? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Does this computer have Internet access? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	Does this computer have Internet access? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	Does this computer have Internet access? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
How old is this computer? _____years Does it work? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	How old is this computer? _____years Does it work? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	How old is this computer? _____years Does it work? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
What type of computer is it? (IBM, MAC, etc.) <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> Laptop <input type="checkbox"/> Desktop	What type of computer is it? (IBM, MAC, etc.) <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> Laptop <input type="checkbox"/> Desktop	What type of computer is it? (IBM, MAC, etc.) <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> Laptop <input type="checkbox"/> Desktop
Is there a printer connected to this computer? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no  If yes, what kind is it? _____ How old is the printer? _____years Does it work? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	Is there a printer connected to this computer? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no  If yes, what kind is it? _____ How old is the printer? _____years Does it work? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	Is there a printer connected to this computer? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no  If yes, what kind is it? _____ How old is the printer? _____years Does it work? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no

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PRINT YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON THIS PAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART VII - TEACHER/S RECOMMENDATIONS**

Attach at least two (2) teacher recommendations.

Recommendations can come from your current teachers, or from teachers you had in lower grades. You must submit at least 2 recommendations.

**PART VIII - SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RECORD**

Student Record of Attendance - - to be completed by School Official

This is to verify that this student has few, if any unexcused Absences and that his/her Record of Attendance is considered to be (check one):

EXCELLENT \_\_\_\_\_ (Perfect Attendance - no excused or unexcused absences)

GREAT \_\_\_\_\_ ( 1 excused or unexcused absences)

VERY GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ ( 2 excused or unexcused absences)

GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ ( 3 excused or unexcused absences)

NOT SO GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ (4 or more excused or unexcused absences)

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signed by School Official \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

**PART IX - STUDENT FALL 2010 GRADE POINT AVERAGE**

Student GPA - - to be completed by School Official

FALL 2010 GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by School Official \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_