



SSC GEAR UP DREAMCATCHER



Education beyond high school paid for? ✓

For Freshmen and Sophomores, It's possible with Oklahoma's Promise

Oklahoma's Promise allows eighth-, ninth-, and tenth- grade students from families with an income of \$55,000 or less to earn a college tuition **scholarship**. Special provisions may apply for children adopted from certain court-ordered custody and children in the custody of court-appointed legal guardians and families receiving Social Security disability or death benefits. Students must also meet academic and conduct requirements in high school. Upon completion of the program's requirements, your student will earn:

- * Tuition at an Oklahoma public two-year college or four-year university, or
- * A portion of tuition at an accredited Oklahoma private college or university, or
- * A portion of tuition for approved programs at Oklahoma public technology centers.

More information and the application may be found at okhighered.org/okpromise your GEAR UP coordinator, counselor or by contacting the GEAR UP office at 405-382-9681. Students may not know what they want to do after graduating high school, but signing up for Oklahoma's promise has to be done by the completion of 10th grade. Students who meet the eligibility requirements should complete the application. Students may think they are not going to college in the 8th, 9th, or 10th grade but change their mind when they become a senior. **That is why we say do not delay and sign up today!**

GEAR UP Coordinators provide school supplies

The SSC GEAR UP student-parent coordinators, L-R Jonathan Bennett, Misty Cooper, April Briscoe, and Kim Pringle put together student school supplies in August. Each cohort student from our 10 schools received various items for 2020-21.



Student school supplies for 2020 - 21 included loose leaf paper, pencils, ink pens, a highlighter, post-it notes, a pencil bag, and pocket dividers. GEAR UP students also received personal protective equipment (PPE) of hand sanitizer and a mask.

Sophomores / Pre-ACT / Concurrent Enrollment

All grade 10 students will take the Pre-ACT test assessment this year paid for by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. The Pre-ACT is a practice opportunity for the ACT, that covers all four test subjects: English, math, reading, and science. Both current achievement and predicted ACT score ranges of 1-36 will be identified on the Pre-Act. An interest inventory for students to see a personalized view of their interests and college/career alignment to help them chart a life course after high school graduation is included on the Pre-ACT. The Pre-ACT assessment is a timed test of 30 minutes each for English, reading, and science and 40 minutes for math. The scores of the assessment will quickly be back to the high schools and students usually within about two-weeks. The testing window this year 2020-21, will be September 8, 2020 through May 31, 2020. High schools will have greater flexibility this year on when to test students due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sophomore students who score a 19 or higher in a specific subject will be eligible to participate in concurrent enrollment courses in Oklahoma starting the summer of 2021. Students who aspire to a college education can get started early and may even obtain dual credit for specific college courses. Dual credit means high school students who take college classes while in high school may receive high school credit for the college course in lieu of taking a specific high school course for credit towards high school graduation. Please check with each high school counselor first for a list of courses that would be eligible before enrolling in the college course for dual credit.

Students and Parents can stay up to date with GEAR UP activities and events with text messages

Students and parents can now automatically enroll to receive text messages from your GEAR UP student-parent coordinators. GEAR UP has set up two separate text messaging numbers to start receiving up to date information on GEAR UP events and activities. The following will be the two separate text messaging numbers to be used, the automatic questions you will be asked, and the specific responses needed to be automatically enrolled.

<p>Student</p> <p>Text the word GEAR UP to (405) 212-9368</p> <p>Auto Question?</p> <p>What is your first name?</p> <p>What is your last name?</p> <p>What year do you graduate?</p> <p>What high school do you attend?</p>	<p>Student response</p> <p>Sara</p> <p>Smith</p> <p>2024</p> <p>Holdenville</p>	<p>E</p> <p>X</p> <p>A</p> <p>M</p> <p>P</p> <p>L</p> <p>E</p> <p>S</p>	<p>Parent</p> <p>Text the word GEAR UP to (405) 212-9662</p> <p>Auto Question?</p> <p>What is your student's first name?</p> <p>What is your student's last name?</p> <p>What year does your student graduate H.S.?</p> <p>What H.S. does your child attend?</p>	<p>Parent response</p> <p>Sara</p> <p>Smith</p> <p>2024</p> <p>Holdenville</p>
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Students need help with distance learning, SSC GEAR UP Partner **Tutor.com** can **HELP**

Last year, SSC GEAR UP welcomed a new partner Tutor.com to assist students with homework. Tutor.com can provide 24/7 tutoring for all cohort students in grades 9 and 10. Tutor.com can help in over 60 subjects to include math, science, English, history, Spanish, writing, etc. For a complete list of subjects that students can get assistance with, go to the url address: [tutor.com/subjects](https://www.tutor.com/subjects). Tutors can help students with specific problems they are working on and on concept review, writing assignments, essays, and test preparation. Tutor.com student surveys state that 96% of students complete their homework, improve grades, and feel more confident in their school work. The service is **FREE** to our cohort students to help them be successful and graduate high school with a solid plan for their future. For additional information about the service go to [tutor.com](https://www.tutor.com). Student instructions for logging into the service can be accessed through the url address: [tutor.com/sscgearup](https://www.tutor.com/sscgearup).

For all SSC GEAR UP resource information, please go to our website: [sscok.edu/gearup](https://www.sscok.edu/gearup)

Student Success Agency hosts virtual camp sessions during summer

One of our partners Student Success Agency, hosted a virtual summer camp in July and August and all of our students had the opportunity to participate in various sessions. Sessions included: writing college essays, resume building workshops, learning to make hangman in Python, psychology facts and experiments, vocal performance, healthcare careers, and mock interviews.

Student Success Agency provides mentoring, tutoring, and advisement

SSC GEAR UP initiated a digital mentoring program Student Success Agency for freshmen in the spring of 2020 only to be placed on hold as schools closed due to COVID 19. This fall both the classes of 2023 and 2024 will have the opportunity to have a digital mentor to assist with information such as college and career advising, on-demand tutoring, editing essays, transitioning to college, scholarships, financial aid, and decision making skills.

SSC GEAR UP GOALS

1. Increase the academic performance and preparation for post-secondary education for GEAR UP students.
2. Increase the rate of high school graduation and enrollment in post-secondary education for GEAR UP students.
3. Increase GEAR UP students' and their families knowledge of post-secondary education options, preparation, and financing.

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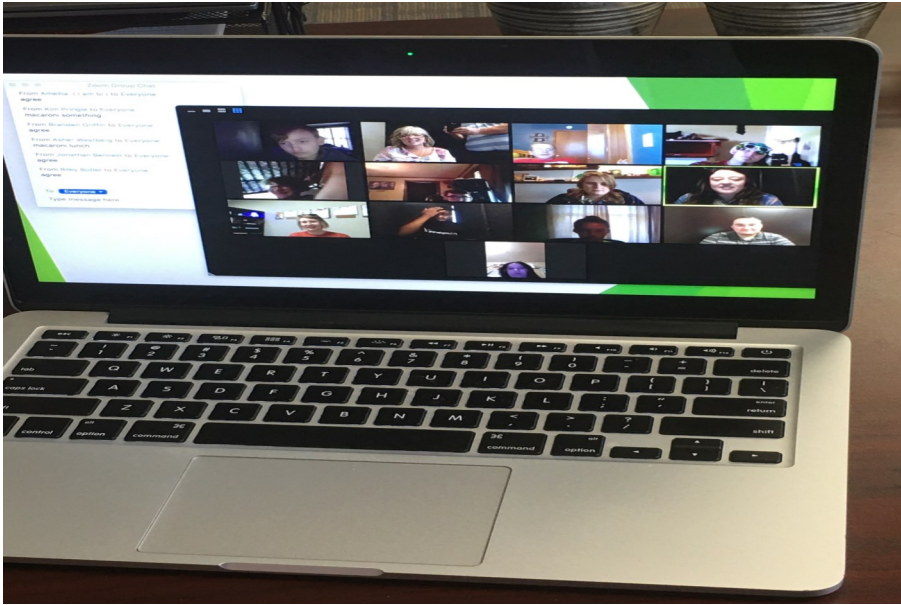
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GEAR UP Summer 2020 Virtual Camp



SSC College GEAR UP quickly responded to situations that canceled our annual student residential camp this past summer by working with Paradigm Shift to host a virtual camp to accommodate students with internet access and those without. GEAR UP hosted a one week virtual camp in June and one in July.

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