

GEAR UP Program to Support Teachers' Continuing Education
Coursework Reimbursement Policy - 2007-2008

As part of our grant from the U.S. Department Education, the Chicago GEAR UP Alliance offers a tuition reimbursement of \$225.00 to teachers who pursue certification, endorsements, or AP preparation courses.

To qualify, a teacher must

- Teach at a GEAR UP school in grades 6 through 12.
- Attend one of the GEAR UP partner universities (DePaul, Loyola, National-Louis University, Northeastern Illinois University, Roosevelt University, or the University of Chicago).
- Submit a Request for Reimbursement Form (see below) along with 1) proof of tuition payment and 2) proof of course completion with grade of B or better (transcript) and 3) proof that course is part of an approved endorsement or certificate course sequence. **You must include your Social Security number in order to process your request.**

The following certificate and endorsement areas are eligible for reimbursement: reading, language arts, math, 8th grade algebra, science, middle school, bilingual/ESL, special education and technology.

We do *not* provide reimbursement for coursework for graduate degrees apart from certification, endorsement or AP preparation.

For further questions please talk to your GEAR UP representative or email Chris Johnson at c-johnson15@neiu.edu.

GEAR UP Reimbursement Request Form

Name: _____ Social Security # _____

School: _____ Grade/Subject: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Preferred Email: _____

Endorsement or Certificate you are pursuing: _____

University: _____

List course or courses below

1) Course Title: _____ Course Number: _____

Credit hours: _____ Date completed: _____

2) Course Title: _____ Course Number: _____

Credit hours: _____ Date completed: _____

I understand that the purpose of the GEAR UP program is to successfully prepare CPS students for post-secondary opportunities. I intend to use the knowledge, skills and insight I gain from coursework supported by the GEAR UP program in service of Chicago Public School students or other underserved public school students.

(Signature)

(Date)

Endorsement and Certification Programs at GEAR UP Partner Universities

GEAR UP will reimburse teachers \$225 per completed course if enrolled in one of the following endorsement or certification programs. Additional certificate and endorsement areas eligible for reimbursement are middle school, bilingual/ESL, special education and technology.

Starred (*) programs are subsidized by the partner universities as well as GEAR UP so that tuition is even further reduced.

Middle School Math Endorsement

DePaul University, Contact: David Jabon, ((773) 325-7248, djabon@depaul.edu)

***Loyola University**, Contact: Laurie Braga, 773-508-8666

National-Louis University Contact: Bev Schiffer, Office Manager at 847-947-5235 or email bschiffer@nl.edu

***Roosevelt University**, Contact: George Olson, golson@roosevelt.edu

***U of C – Sesame Program**, Contact: 773-702-9787

Algebra Initiative

***DePaul University**, Contact: David Jabon, ((773) 325-7248, djabon@depaul.edu)

***U of C – Sesame Program**, Contact: 773-702-9787

Middle School Science

***DePaul University**, Contact: Victoria Simek (773) 325-4790.

***Loyola University**, Contact Laurie Braga, 773-508-8666

National-Louis University, Contact Bev Schiffer, Office Manager at 847-947-5235 or email bschiffer@nl.edu

Reading Endorsement

***DePaul University**, Contact Graduate Admissions at 773-325-7740

National-Louis University, Bev Schiffer, Office Manager at 847-947-5235 or email bschiffer@nl.edu

Northeastern Illinois University, Contact NEIU College of Education, 773- 442-5500

Advanced Placement Preparation Program

Loyola University, Advanced Placement Institutes in math, science, history and English: Contact: JoBeth D'Agostino: 773-508-8334

For further information about the Chicago GEAR UP Alliance and its endorsement reimbursement program, please contact Chris Johnson, c-johnson15@neiu.edu

For further information about math and science university-based programs approved by the CPS Office of Math and Science, including information about tuition reduction and catalogue descriptions go to <http://cmsi.cps.k12.il.us/ViewNewsDetails.aspx?pid=82&id=3050>