



GEAR UP Wyoming Application

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs



Student

WISER Number (if known): _____ Current Grade Level in School: ☐ 7th ☐ 8th ☐ 9th ☐ 10th ☐ 11th ☐ 12th

School: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Name (exactly as it appears on your school transcript):

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____ Nickname _____

Mailing Address:

Street # / PO Box _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ May we text or email you about GEAR UP? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female Date of Birth: _____

Are you Hispanic or Latino/a? ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you in an English Language Learner (ELL/ESL) Program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Race: ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Asian ☐ Two or more races
☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander ☐ White ☐ Unknown
☐ Black or African American ☐ No answer

Primary language spoken at home: _____ Do you have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Are you in foster care? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Are you experiencing homelessness? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Do you participate in Upward Bound, Educational Opportunity Centers, or Educational Talent Search? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Guardian

Guardian Contact Information #1

Name _____ Relationship _____
Home/Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Email Address _____
Address (if different from student) _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Guardian Contact Information #2

Name _____ Relationship _____
Home/Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Email Address _____
Address (if different from student) _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Release of Information

I authorize the release of my confidential student information (including via fax and email), which may include, but is not limited to, contact information, secondary and post-secondary academic transcripts, financial aid award information from post-secondary institutions, FAFSA completion data, IEPs, standardized test scores, and free/reduced lunch status to GEAR UP Wyoming staff. I also understand that this information may be used by GEAR UP Wyoming staff for the purpose of referral to other state/federal educational programs and services for which I am likely eligible, including college-level student success services.

Student Signature _____ Date _____
I, as the guardian, authorize the release of the information described above as required for the student to receive GEAR UP Wyoming services and participate in program activities. To the best of my knowledge, I certify that the above student and guardian information is true and correct.

Guardian Signature _____ Date _____
Photographs and videos may be taken of GEAR UP Wyoming participants during activities and may be used for promotional purposes. All photographs and videos are property of GEAR UP Wyoming. ☐ I grant GEAR UP Wyoming permission to photograph my student.
☐ I DO NOT grant GEAR UP Wyoming permission to photograph my student.

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University of Wyoming Multi-Party PRWORA Eligibility Certification

Eligibility Requirement

The Public Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) mandates the verification of eligibility for federal public benefits. The University of Wyoming (University) program we seek to participate in is federally funded and, therefore, requires verification of my eligibility.

PRWORA defines only the following categories of individuals as eligible to receive public benefits and by initialing in the appropriate box next to each individual's name, I hereby certify and attest that is the eligibility status for each individual identified below, as defined by PRWORA (in the attached PRWORA Definitions):

Participant Name	U.S. Citizen	U.S. Non-Citizen	National Qualified Alien
1. _____	☐	☐	☐
2. _____	☐	☐	☐
3. _____	☐	☐	☐

Acknowledgment and Agreement

I acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. I will provide documentation upon request to verify the status(es) above if required by law, if challenged, or if a claim arises related to this certification.
2. I will fully cooperate with the University in any investigation, challenge, or legal proceeding related to the certified status(es).
3. I release and hold harmless the University, its trustees, officers, employees, agents, representatives, instructors, and volunteers and the State of Wyoming from any claims, damages, or liabilities that may arise from the University's reliance on this certification.

Certification and Signature

I certify that I am the named individual and/or the parent or legal guardian of each Participant named above, I am 18 years of age or older, competent and authorized to complete this certification on my own behalf and on any additional Participant's behalf, and the information provided on this form is true and accurate. I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Executed on the Following Date: _____

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PRWORA Definitions

U.S. Non-Citizen National

- (1) A person born in an outlying possession¹ of the United States on or after the date of formal acquisition of such possession;
- (2) A person born outside the United States and is outlying possessions of parents both of whom are nationals, but not citizens, of the United States, and have had a residence in the United States, or one of its outlying possessions prior to the birth of such person;
- (3) A person of unknown parentage found in an outlying possession of the United States while under the age of five years, until shown, prior to attaining the age of twenty-one years, not to have been born in such outlying possessions; and
- (4) A person born outside the United States and its outlying possessions of parents one of whom is an alien, and the other a national, but not a citizen, of the United States who, prior to the birth of such person, was physically present in the United States or its outlying possessions for a period or periods totaling not less than seven years in any continuous period of ten years -
 - (A) during which the national parent was not outside the United States or its outlying possessions for a continuous period of more than one year, and
 - (B) at least five years of which were after attaining the age of fourteen years.

The proviso of section (301(g) shall apply to the national parent under this paragraph in the same manner as it applies to the citizen parent under that section.

Qualified Alien

- (1) an alien who is lawfully admitted for permanent residence under the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.],
- (2) an alien who is granted asylum under section 208 of such Act [8 U.S.C. 1158],
- (3) a refugee who is admitted to the United States under section 207 of such Act [8 U.S.C. 1157],
- (4) an alien who is paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of such Act [8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)] for a period of at least 1 year,
- (5) an alien whose deportation is being withheld under section 243(h) of such Act [8 U.S.C. 1253] (as in effect immediately before the effective date of section 307 of division C of Public Law 104–208) or section 241(b)(3) of such Act [8 U.S.C. 1231(b)(3)] (as amended by section 305(a) of division C of Public Law 104–208),
- (6) an alien who is granted conditional entry pursuant to section 203(a)(7) of such Act [8 U.S.C. 1153(a)(7)] as in effect prior to April 1, 1980,

¹Section 101(a)(21) of the Immigration and Nationality Act: The term "outlying possessions of the United States" means American Samoa and Swains Island.

(7) an alien who is a Cuban and Haitian entrant (as defined in section 501(e) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980), or

(8) an individual who lawfully resides in the United States in accordance with a Compact of Free Association referred to in section 1612(b)(2)(G) of this title.

(9) Treatment of certain battered aliens as qualified aliens

(1) an alien who—

(A) has been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty in the United States by a spouse or a parent, or by a member of the spouse or parent's family residing in the same household as the alien and the spouse or parent consented to, or acquiesced in, such battery or cruelty, but only if (in the opinion of the agency providing such benefits) there is a substantial connection between such battery or cruelty and the need for the benefits to be provided; and

(B) has been approved or has a petition pending which sets forth a prima facie case for—

(i) status as a spouse or a child of a United States citizen pursuant to clause (ii), (iii), or (iv) of section 204(a)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)(A)(ii), (iii), (iv)],

(ii) classification pursuant to clause (ii) or (iii) of section 204(a)(1)(B) of the Act [8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)(B)(ii), (iii)],

(iii) suspension of deportation under section 244(a)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. 1254(a)(3)] (as in effect before the title III—A effective date in section 309 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996).^[1]

(iv) status as a spouse or child of a United States citizen pursuant to clause (i) of section 204(a)(1)(A) of such Act [8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)(A)(i)], or classification pursuant to clause (i) of section 204(a)(1)(B) of such Act [8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)(B)(i)]; ^[2]

(v) cancellation of removal pursuant to section 240A(b)(2) of such Act [8 U.S.C. 1229b(b)(2)];

(2) an alien—

(A) whose child has been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty in the United States by a spouse or a parent of the alien (without the active participation of the alien in the battery or cruelty), or by a member of the spouse or parent's family residing in the same household as the alien and the spouse or parent consented or acquiesced to such battery or cruelty, and the alien did not actively participate in such battery or cruelty, but only if (in the opinion of the agency providing such benefits) there is a substantial connection between such battery or cruelty and the need for the benefits to be provided; and

(B) who meets the requirement of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1);

(3) an alien child who—

(A) resides in the same household as a parent who has been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty in the United States by that parent's spouse or by a member of the spouse's family residing in the same household as the parent and the spouse consented or acquiesced to such battery or cruelty, but only if (in the opinion of the agency providing such benefits) there is a substantial connection between such battery or cruelty and the need for the benefits to be provided; and

(B)who meets the requirement of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1); or

(4)an alien who has been granted nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(T) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(T)) or who has a pending application that sets forth a prima facie case for eligibility for such nonimmigrant status.

This subsection shall not apply to an alien during any period in which the individual responsible for such battery or cruelty resides in the same household or family eligibility unit as the individual subjected to such battery or cruelty.

After consultation with the Secretaries of Health and Human Services, Agriculture, and Housing and Urban Development, the Commissioner of Social Security, and with the heads of such Federal agencies administering benefits as the Attorney General considers appropriate, the Attorney General shall issue guidance (in the Attorney General's sole and unreviewable discretion) for purposes of this subsection and section 1631(f) of this title, concerning the meaning of the terms "battery" and "extreme cruelty", and the standards and methods to be used for determining whether a substantial connection exists between battery or cruelty suffered and an individual's need for benefits under a specific Federal, State, or local program.



Free/Reduced Lunch Qualification Verification for Parents

Documentation to verify information reported on this form may be requested by GEAR UP Wyoming at any time during the school year.

Section 1: Student's Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I.: _____

Circle current grade: 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th Name of School: _____

Section 2: Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027*

How many people live in your household? _____ How many of them earn an income? _____

Income Eligibility	
Household Size	Annual Income
1	\$29,526
2	\$40,034
3	\$50,542
4	\$61,050
5	\$71,558
6	\$82,066
7	\$92,574
8	\$103,082
For each additional family member, add	\$10,508

Section 3: Yearly Household Income Information

Names of individuals in your household that earn income (this includes all people living in your house and any dependents that are claimed for taxes) <i>If you need additional spaces to list individuals, please see back of this form</i>	Yearly Income from work (Before deductions)	Yearly Income from pensions, retirement, and social security	Any other Yearly Income	Total Yearly Income
TOTAL Yearly Household Income				

(Please turn over)

Section 4: Parent/Guardian Confirmation

Parent/Guardian's Information:

Printed Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

"I certify under penalty of perjury that the income information of all household members who earn income has been reported accurately in Sections 2 & 3 of this form."

Signature: _____ Date: _____

* This information is taken from the USDA Eligibility Guidance for School Meals Manual and can be found at the USDA website:
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/income-eligibility-guidelines>.

(if needed, please list below the additional names and yearly income of individuals in your household that earn income)

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School:

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