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Dream It. Plan It. Do It.

College Access Partnerships

APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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A college readiness program that works

Our goal is to increase the number of students who:

- graduate high school
- are informed about college options, planning, and financial aid
- enroll and succeed in postsecondary education

Why GEAR UP?

77%

of western NC students aspire to enroll in college while only 38% feel knowledgeable about the college options available to them.

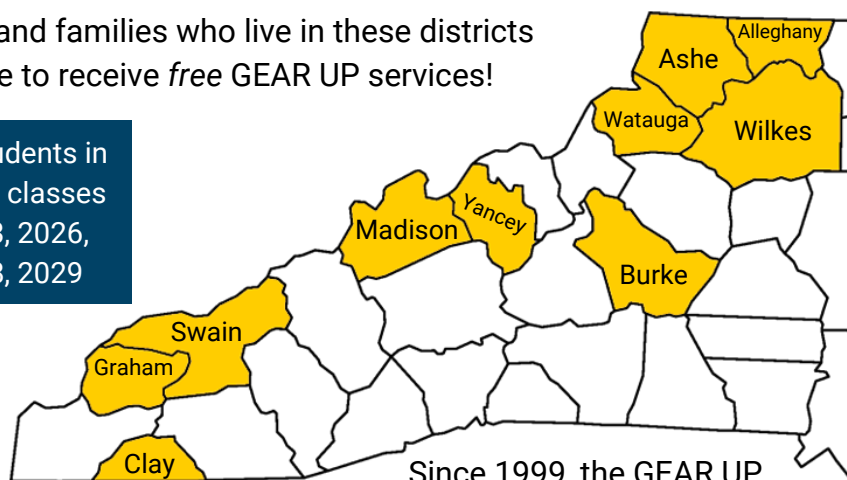
GEAR UP can help you explore your options and help you make the best decision for you!



Is GEAR UP For You?

Students and families who live in these districts are eligible to receive *free* GEAR UP services!

Serving students in graduating classes 2022, 2023, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029



Since 1999, the GEAR UP Appalachian Partnership has served over **30,000 students** and their families in **59 schools** across the region.

Getting You College Ready

The GEAR UP Appalachian Partnership program seeks to prepare **ALL** students to be college ready with a focus on academics, skills, and support for students and their families.

Starting as early as the 6th grade, students and their families receive early awareness and academic readiness GEAR UP services that fit their individual needs.

GEAR UP serves ALL students in the target grade level and follows them through high school graduation and into the first year of college.

Financial aid offers students an opportunity to help pay for college, often with free money through grants and scholarships, but only 28.11% of students in western NC feel confident in the financial aid application process.



GEAR UP is available to help you apply for free money for college.

How To Get Involved

- Each GEAR UP school has a designated GEAR UP Coordinator ready and available to help you meet your goals for after high school.
- Learn who your coordinator is at gearup.appstate.edu/district-staff or ask your teachers or counselors to connect you to your GEAR UP coordinator.
- Look out for sign-up sheets and registration for GEAR UP events throughout the school year.

"As a first-generation student with no prior knowledge about what my future could hold, having a future vision and goal of creating positive change has all been possible thanks to the GEAR UP Program."

- 2020 GEAR UP Graduate

GEAR UP student and family services include:

- college match advising
- college visits
- career exploration
- financial aid workshops
- 24/7 online academic support from Tutor.com*
- family events
- job shadowing
- mentoring
- summer enrichment programs
- educational field trips

**"They helped me understand the concept I was having troubles with and guided me in the pathway without giving me the answer so I could figure it out myself." 11th grade student*

In-person and virtual services available!