

**2009 WALDEN UNIVERSITY  
GEAR UP EDUCATOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Richard W. Riley  
College of Education and Leadership  
**WALDEN UNIVERSITY**



**I. PERSONAL DATA**

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last/Family First Middle Suffix (Jr, etc)*

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Number and Street*

\_\_\_\_\_ *City State Zip Code*

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Area Code) Number*

Gender:  Male  Female

First Language: \_\_\_\_\_ Language Spoken at Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time involved with GEAR UP: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Education: \_\_\_\_\_

If the nominee wishes to be identified with a particular ethnic group, please check all that apply:

- African American/Black  Asian American  
 Hispanic/Latino  Native American/Alaska Native  
 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander  White/Caucasian  
 Other (*please specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

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**II. GEAR UP PARTNERSHIP DATA**

Partnership Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grantee Number (P334...): \_\_\_\_\_

GEAR UP Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Area Code) Number (Area Code) Number*

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**III. GEAR UP DIRECTOR'S ENDORSEMENT**

As the GEAR UP Program Director, I acknowledge that the applicant is a teacher or employee of the GEAR UP program, including participating schools, and plays an important role in the GEAR UP community. I endorse their application for this scholarship opportunity.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### IV. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Have you previously attended Walden University?       Yes       No

Degree Program you are applying for\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Start Date\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Please identify the high school/college/universities attended with the most recent institution listed first.  
Feel free to add additional pages if needed.

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Years Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Credits or Degree(s) earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

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Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Years Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Credits or Degree(s) earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

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Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Years Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Credits or Degree(s) earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*See [www.waldenu.edu](http://www.waldenu.edu) for degree and start date information*

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## V. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Please enter your employment information below, starting with your current or most recent employer. Feel free to add additional pages. ***Please attach a copy of your resume.***

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Employed: \_\_\_\_\_

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## VI. ESSAY

This scholarship opportunity is intended to award GEAR UP professionals for their dedication and hard work, and to increase their capacity to improve education for low-income and first-generation students across the country. Please attach a 300-500 word essay describing one of the following:

- How furthering your education will allow you to better serve GEAR UP and other low-income and first-generation students and families
  - Your career goals, including how you intend to use your new degree to improve educational opportunities for low-income and first-generation students.
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## VII. APPLICANT SIGNATURE

My signature indicates that all information in my application is complete, factually correct, and honestly presented.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## VIII. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please include one (1) letter of recommendation from a professional reference. The purpose of this letter is to describe the applicant via a discussion of their role and everyday work. Points to address include:

- What is the applicant's role in school improvement and/or GEAR UP expansion efforts?
- Describe how the applicant relates with students, families, and other school and district staff.
- How has the applicant positively affected student knowledge and/or attitudes about postsecondary education?
- How has the applicant contributed to a college-going culture at the school?
- Describe how the applicant's leadership has resulted in a change that benefits GEAR UP students, school and/or community.
- How has the applicant's work contributed to the success of your program?

Letters of recommendation should come in a sealed envelope, with the recommender's signature across the seal. **Only one copy of the letter is required.** Please be sure you return the completed letter in a sealed envelope with your application.

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## IX. APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please make sure your application includes each of the following items listed below. An application postmarked after the **March 15th, 2009** deadline or an application missing any of the information below **will not be reviewed.**

- Completed Sections I, II, III, and IV (including required signatures)
- Completed section V and VI (including attaching a resume and essay)
- Completed section VII (required signature)
- Attach section VIII (letter of recommendation)

Please submit your original application along with **2-three hole-punched copies** of your completed application form postmarked no later than **March 15, 2009** to:

Sara Melnick  
Associate Director, K-16 Initiatives  
National Council for Community and Education Partnerships  
1400 20<sup>th</sup> St NW Suite G-1  
Washington, DC 20036