



## 2018 STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

### Program Summary

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The GEAR UP Georgia Student and Parent Leadership Summits will take place prior to the GEAR UP Georgia state convening at the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education in Athens, Georgia. Two students (preferably, one male and one female) from each GEAR UP Georgia cohort school and two students per priority district will be invited to attend the Student Leadership Summit held February 20-22, 2018. Cohort students will work together with Seeds Training, an internationally renowned youth leadership training company, to create a stronger college-going culture within their schools and communities becoming the first GEAR UP Georgia Student Ambassadors. The priority students will work with the University of Georgia J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development to strengthen leadership skills and increase college awareness and readiness.

Each student must be accompanied by an adult family member (parent, guardian, temporary custodian, or advocate) to serve as a chaperone while the students are not in leadership classes. The family member chaperone will participate in the GEAR UP Georgia Parent Leadership Summit while students are working with Seeds Training and UGA. The Parent Leadership Summit is facilitated by the Texas Valley Communities Foundation and the curriculum is aligned with the Harvard Family Research Project, Dr. Carol Dweck's mindset theory research, and Dr. Conley's Four Keys to College and Career Readiness. The goal of the Parent Leadership Summit is to cultivate a group of parents and family advocates with a greater capacity to promote positive change in their children, school, and community. The family member chaperone and the student representative will share a double-occupancy room at the UGA Hotel for the duration of the Leadership Summits.

Students and parents/guardians/advocates who attend the Leadership Summits will be given the opportunity to experience a professional conference while interacting and learning from other students, parents, and educators across Georgia. Students participating in the Student Leadership Summit will focus on encouraging student, parent, and community involvement within the school and promoting the college readiness process among their peers. The students will also be charged with encouraging their peers to apply and attend a similar-styled summer leadership academy that will occur in their own counties this summer.

Student selection to attend the GEAR UP Georgia Leadership Summits will be based upon activity and engagement in GEAR UP sponsored activities, potential leadership abilities, college and career focus, and the ability for a family member/advocate to attend the Parent Leadership Summit and resume responsibility for the student for the duration of the Leadership Summits. GEAR UP grant funds will be used to cover the costs of the lodging, meals, and transportation during the Leadership Summit for the students and parent/guardians.



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## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **What kind of event is the Leadership Summit?**

Well... in our slightly subjective opinion, the GEAR UP Georgia Leadership Summit might be the best residential college access event EVER. You'll get to...

- learn more about college access and success
- make new friends from across the state
- discover the University of Georgia while staying on campus, and
- develop leadership skills to influence others for the greater good

### **What will I do at the Leadership Summit?**

Students will attend leadership classes that include martial arts styled board-breaking, impromptu dance sessions and a whole lot of character development in between all the excitement. Students will present the final day of the Leadership Summit acting as the keynote performance for the GEAR UP Georgia State Conference for educators. Plus, you will get to experience life on a college campus for three days.

Parents/guardians will attend leadership workshops designed specifically for adults to help them better prepare their family for college and learn how to leverage the resources GEAR UP and the state of Georgia provides to ensure the best possible outcomes (graduation!). Students and parents will experience a campus tour and participate in an admissions session on the last day.

### **What are my responsibilities?**

As a student, we expect you to help create a college going culture in your school by promoting GEAR UP activities, events and college access initiatives amongst your peers. You will graduate the leadership Summit as a GEAR UP Georgia Student Ambassador. The first item of business; however, is showcasing your voice as a student leader by presenting at the GEAR UP Georgia statewide conference. Don't worry you will have plenty of practice during the Summit to prepare!

As a parent, we expect you to make sure your child understands the Leadership Summit rules and expectations. We also expect you to help your child prepare/pack for the Leadership Summit. If your child breaks the rules, you will be responsible for arranging transportation to leave early. Finally, showcasing a positive attitude while you attend the Parent Leadership Summit will be of utmost importance.

### **Where will we stay?**

The University of Georgia (Athens, GA) will provide Leadership Summit participants with lodging at their Center for Continuing Education and Hotel. Workshop classes will be held at the Center. Should transportation be required during your campus tour and activities, GEAR UP Georgia and UGA staff will provide transportation.

### **Who else will be there?**

Students from GEAR UP Georgia's other schools will attend. The Leadership Summit will host approximately 90 students and 90 parents.

### **Will I share a room with someone?**

Yes, you will room with your parent/guardian. The Leadership Summit rooms are double-occupancy to accommodate the student and parent/guardian.

### **How much does the Leadership Summit cost?**

The 2018 Leadership Summit is FREE. Registration, meals, lodging and transportation will be provided by GEAR UP Georgia. Each hotel guest room will come equipped with toiletries and each student will receive one t-shirt to wear on the last day of the Summit.



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### **Will I need money?**

Lodging, meals and supplies are provided by GEAR UP Georgia as part of the program. If you or your parent/guardian go rouge and get McDonald's at 2:00AM... that's own your own dime. In addition, you may bring money to purchase items while at the Leadership Summit like UGA items at the bookstore but GEAR UP Georgia cannot be held responsible for any lost money.

### **How will we get there?**

Our first priority is to provide a bus or van for students and parents for each district. However, if parents or advocate's end up incurring any expenses to transport their students because the group transportation was not permissible at your location, the GEAR UP Georgia grant will reimburse you through the local partners as soon as possible after the conference.

### **Can I bring my cell phone and other gadgets?**

Yes, there will be certain time periods that you are allowed to use these items. You are responsible for the safety and care of these items GEAR UP Georgia cannot be held responsible for lost or damaged items. Most importantly, be considerate of our leadership trainers that have flown from all over the nation to work with you.

### **Will boys and girls be allowed to hang out together?**

Yes, but only during supervised activities and **NEVER** in the hotel guest rooms. If you get caught mingling with students of the opposite sex in the hotel guest rooms, you'll be asked to leave- no excuses, no exceptions.

### **Who supervises camp, and who will keep my child safe?**

Safety and supervision are very important to us. GEAR UP Georgia will have a full staff, which includes the following:

- Parents/Guardians will serve as a chaperone to their child during "off" times
- Professional staff members from GEAR UP Georgia
- GEAR UP Georgia Local Program Coordinators
- Summit mentors (UGA college students)
- UGA Center & Hotel security

*Medical and liability insurance has been verified and meets state required standards.*

### **What if a participant has special dietary needs? What arrangements can you make for this?**

Prior to attending the Leadership Summit, students and parents will be asked to complete an online enrollment form which will give you the opportunity to outline any dietary needs, as well as any other requested accommodation.

### **My child is a teenager; hence, always hungry. Will he or she get enough to eat?**

We will provide the following meals as part of the Leadership Summit. Some meals will be served buffet-styled so your child can eat as much as they want. In addition, you are more than welcome to bring snacks for your room.

Day 1: Lunch & Dinner

Day 2: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 3: Breakfast & Lunch

### **What is GEAR UP?**

GEAR UP Georgia is a free college and career planning program for students and their guardians. GEAR UP stands for "Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs" and is a grant program that helps students prepare for education and training beyond high school. The vision of GEAR UP Georgia is for all students to be academically, socially, and financially ready to enter and succeed in the postsecondary program of their choice.



## 2018 STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT Application Deadlines & Procedures

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### ***November 27:***

The GEAR UP Georgia Student Leadership Summit application will open. School coordinators should promote the event and recruit applicants using the coordinator toolkit materials (fliers, school announcement script, application).

### ***November 27–December 7:***

Students must turn in their application to their GEAR UP Georgia school coordinator by December 7, 2017. No applications will be accepted after the deadline.

### ***December 8 – December 15:***

School coordinators should score all applications using the GEAR UP Georgia Leadership Summit grading matrix. Each score sheet must be signed by the school's coordinator and store at the school as backup documentation. School coordinators should then use students' scores to recommend two students to attend.

### ***December 15:***

School Coordinators will submit the Leadership Summit student selection sheet to their Local Program Coordinator by December 15. The selection sheet must be signed by the school principal.

### ***December 18 – December 20:***

Local Program Coordinators will use the GEAR UP Georgia Leadership Summit acceptance letter to mail home a congratulatory acceptance letter to each family representing their district. The acceptance letter will provide next steps regarding the online registration.

### ***January 1 – January 12***

Each selected student and parent/guardian will receive an invitation to register for the Leadership Summit directly from the GEAR UP Georgia Director of Implementation. GEAR UP Georgia Program Coordinators will provide school coordinators with a registration completion daily from January 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>. The online registration will open January 1st at 12:01 AM and close on January 12th at 11:59 PM.

### ***January 15:***

School coordinators should submit the students' signed enrollment confirmation page to their Local Program Coordinator. No student is permitted to attend the Leadership Summit without a signed enrollment confirmation page.

### ***January 22 – January 26:***

GEAR UP Georgia Leadership Summit family guidebooks will be mailed up to each enrolled family.

### ***February 8 – February 12:***

Local Program Coordinators will contact each family to ensure they have all the information and resources needed to prepare for the Leadership Summit and answer any questions that remain.

# APPLY NOW!



**Event: February 20-22, 2018**

**Applications Due: Dec 7, 2017**

**GEAR UP Georgia students:** Apply now to attend the 2018 Student Leadership Summit, a 3-day training program to be held on the campus of the University of Georgia from February 20-22, 2018. Stay on campus at the Center for Continuing Education Hotel, develop your leadership skills, learn more about college access and success and meet students from across the state! To learn more, talk with your GEAR UP coordinator or visit [gearupgeorgia.org](http://gearupgeorgia.org).





# 2018 LEADERSHIP SUMMIT Student Application

## Applicant Information

County: \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address Apartment/Unit #  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State ZIP Code

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be a first-generation college student (*meaning your parents have not completed a bachelor's degree*)? YES NO  
   
Have you attended any GEAR UP Georgia activities or events at your school or county this school year? YES NO

If yes, please list which activities: \_\_\_\_\_

## Leadership Summit Selection Student/Guardian Protocol

Student selection to attend the GEAR UP Georgia Leadership Summit will be based upon activity and engagement in GEAR UP sponsored activities, potential leadership abilities, college and career focus, and the ability for a family member/advocate to attend the Parent Leadership Summit and resume responsibility for the student for the duration of the Leadership Summits.

## Student Agreement and Signature

*I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that selection is competitive and contingent upon my parent/guardian's ability to attend and participate in the Parent Leadership Summit. If this application leads to selection, I understand that if I accept this nomination to attend the GEAR UP Georgia Student Leadership Summit, I must attend all sessions throughout the course of the summit and remain with my parent/guardian when not in a session. I understand that I will be a representative of my school and county and must continue to follow rules and procedures set forth by my school.*

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

## Parent/Guardian Agreement and Signature

*I understand that if my student is selected to attend the GEAR UP Georgia Student Leadership Summit, I must attend the Parent Leadership portion throughout the course of the day and am responsible for my student when not in a summit session. I hereby authorize my student to submit an application for the Student Leadership Summit.*

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

