

The administrative rules that control the GEAR UP program refer to the set of principles for determining allowable costs found in OMB Circular 87. Go to <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/rewrite/circulars/a087/a087-all.html> to view the full text of OMB Circular 87.

Attachment B of OMB Circular 87 specifies the allow ability of selected items. Following is the text of item 30.

**30. Memberships, subscriptions, and professional activities.**

- a. Costs of the governmental unit's memberships in business, technical, and professional organizations are allowable.
- b. Costs of the governmental unit's subscriptions to business, professional, and technical periodicals are allowable.
- c. **Costs of meetings** and conferences where the primary purpose is the dissemination of technical information, **including meals**, transportation, rental of meeting facilities, and other incidental costs **are allowable**.
- d. Costs of membership in civic and community, social organizations are allowable as a direct cost with the approval of the Federal awarding agency.
- e. Costs of membership in organizations substantially engaged in lobbying are unallowable.