

Oklahoma GEAR UP Parent Leadership Academy 2019-2020 APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS *DEADLINE: November 22, 2019*

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Participation in the Oklahoma GEAR UP Parent Leadership Academy is open to all parents, grandparents and guardians who have or have had children in any of the 10 GEAR UP schools/sites in the Oklahoma GEAR UP grant **and who is not a current employee or their spouse of the school or school district.**

PARTICIPANTS WILL:

- Enhance their leadership and communication skills.
- Learn about the public education system in Oklahoma.
- Receive and learn how to read and understand the test data from their school and district.
- Learn about achievement gaps in their school.
- Partner with their school administrators, teachers, and other parents to improve student achievement.
- Connect to an existing network of committed parents and community leaders.
- **Commit to attend all three sessions (three days total).**
- **Commit to leading at least one project in a school or community.**
- Receive support and coaching from GEAR UP and school staff as projects are planned and implemented.
- Maintain an ongoing connection with Oklahoma GEAR UP.

TO PARTICIPATE:

- Read the application packet in its entirety. *(See a list of the packet contents on back of this page.)*
- Fill out the **Application Form** *(two pages)*, sign, and date.
- Have a school representative complete the **Recommendation Form** *(two pages)*.
- Submit completed and signed **Application & Recommendation Forms** to your GEAR UP Education Coordinator by **November 22, 2019**.
- Reserve these dates for regionally hosted Academy trainings:

Claremore, Jay, Locust Grove, Skiatook, Tahlequah Northeast Tech Center - Kansas Campus Multipurpose Room / North Entrance 450 N. Highway 59 Kansas, OK 74347	Clinton, Duncan, Woodward Western Technology Center Fire and Safety Building 2605 E Main Street Weatherford, OK 73096	Ada, Durant TBD
January 22 & 23, 2020	January 15-16, 2020	TBD
February 11, 2020	February 12, 2020	



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APPLICATION PACKET INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

1. **Application Instructions** (*two pages with important information*)
2. **Application Form** (*two pages; must be submitted by November 22, 2019*)
3. **Recommendation Form** (*two pages; must be submitted by November 22, 2019*)
4. **Oklahoma GEAR UP Parent Leadership Fact Sheet** (*one page*)
5. **Parent Leadership in a Nutshell information page** (*one page*)
6. **Benefits to Parents, Schools, and Students** (*one page*)

*** If you have not received all of the above documents, please contact your GEAR UP Education Coordinator.**

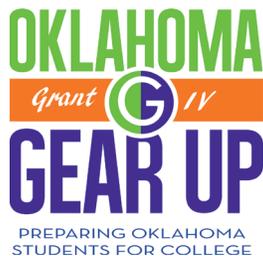
STIPEND

- Participants will be awarded a stipend of \$200 per day for each PLA Training (*two days in January and one day in February*).

FUNDING

- Each PLA Team may receive an initial \$3000 from OK GEAR UP to implement a PLA project. Teams may seek \$1500 from the community in support of their project.
- If community monies are guaranteed, GEAR UP will match these funds up to \$1500.

The U.S. Department of Education awarded Oklahoma with a state GEAR UP grant totaling \$20.5 million in 1999. The grant was supplemented with a one-year extension of \$4.4 million in 2004. Oklahoma received additional GEAR UP grants totaling \$20.6 million in 2005 and \$34.9 million in 2011. In 2017, Oklahoma was awarded a fourth, consecutive GEAR UP grant in the amount of \$24.5 million over the next seven years. Oklahoma's GEAR UP program will ultimately receive approximately \$104.9 million in federal funds by 2024.



Oklahoma GEAR UP Parent Leadership Academy
2019-2022 APPLICATION FORM
DEADLINE: November 22, 2019
(To be completed by parent, grandparent, or guardian)

Name	
Home Address Street Address City, State, Zip	
Home Phone Work Phone Cell Phone <i>(Circle where you like to be contacted.)</i>	
E-mail	
Emergency contact & Phone number	
Employment (Current)	
Race/ethnic origin (Optional)	

PERSONAL COMMITMENT

I understand participation in the Oklahoma GEAR UP Parent Leadership Academy requires attendance at three training sessions totaling three days and a commitment to work with my school to plan and implement a project designed to improve student achievement.

I agree to participate in all three days of training and conduct at least one project.

Signature

Date

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Please tell us about your children:

Name	Age	Grade	Current School	School will attend in Fall 2020

What school do you plan to work with during your one-year commitment?

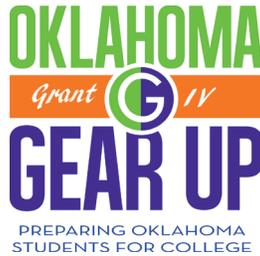
Who is the principal?

List some ways you are currently involved with the school(s) or ways you would like to be involved in your child's school.

List any issues or problems your school/school district is currently experiencing.

Tell us about any ways you are involved in your community.

<p>ATTENDANCE POLICY: Participants are required to attend all sessions. Participants need to make arrangements in advance in order to attend all sessions.</p>



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2019-2020 RECOMMENDATION FORM
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Provide Parent/Grandparent/Guardian Information below:

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

County

Telephone Number

E-mail

TO THE PERSON RECOMMENDING THE PARTICIPANT:

You are being asked to recommend a parent to participate in the Oklahoma GEAR UP Parent Leadership Academy. Parents who care deeply about their children's education and who have leadership potential will be provided with additional knowledge and skills to become more involved in education and to help other parents become involved. Consideration should be given to parents who may have not been actively involved in school process but could develop into leaders who will support education in your community. **Employees of the school or school district should not be considered.** For questions, contact your Oklahoma GEAR UP Education Coordinator.

Please complete this form and return by November 22, 2019 for the 2019-2020 Oklahoma GEAR UP Parent Leadership Academy.

Your Name _____ Date _____

Home Address _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Business Phone (_____) _____



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How long have you known this person?

How do you know this person?

How long has this person been involved in his or her child/children's education at home, in the school and/or in the community?

Explain why you believe this person has leadership potential and would be a good Oklahoma GEAR UP Parent Leadership Academy attendee?



Parent Leadership Academy **FACT SHEET**

What is the Oklahoma GEAR UP Parent Leadership Academy?

The Oklahoma GEAR UP Parent Leadership Academy (PLA) helps Oklahoma parents become more involved in improving public schools to enhance academic achievement for all students.

What are the mission and goals of the Oklahoma GEAR UP Parent Leadership Academy?

Mission: To develop a network of skilled confident parents who will partner with local school sites to significantly increase the number of students who are prepared to enter and succeed in post-secondary education.

Goals: Graduates of the PLA will be able to: (1) provide leadership in parent-school-community partnerships that enhance student achievement in preparation for entrance and success in postsecondary education, (2) design and implement school-wide or district-wide processes that promote a high-performance learning culture, and (3) encourage historically under-involved parents to engage in a strong community-school partnership.

How many parents will participate?

The Academy will train approximately 60 parents in 2020 throughout Oklahoma. These parents will engage other parents through projects and activities in their local schools and communities.

Who will participate?

The Academy will accept nominations from the 10 school districts/sites participating in the Oklahoma GEAR UP grant. Participants must have an interest in the improvement of Oklahoma student achievement.

What will participants in the Academy be trained to do?

Participants will be trained in leadership and communications skills, given information, including achievement data, and provided an explanation of Oklahoma’s public education system. Training will enable them to work more effectively with other parents in their communities to improve local schools and increase student achievement by designing and completing a project in their school or district.

Where will the institute sessions be held?

The sessions will be held at designated regional locations.

How much do the sessions cost?

The Academy is free to all participants; all expenses including meals, and materials will be provided.

For more information about the Oklahoma GEAR UP Parent Leadership Academy, please contact your GEAR UP Education Coordinator.

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Parent Leadership Academy

Parent Leadership in a Nutshell

What you give . . .

- Your time--by attending all three days (three days spread out over two months)
- Homework--there will be homework following each session.
- Understanding--the institute classes are just the beginning; the real work is the project (for which you will receive support and money).
- Commitment to student achievement and involving all parents

What you get. . .

- Skills and knowledge that will make you an expert in your school
- Expertise that will help you in your job
- Experience to add to your resume
- Lots of materials and resources
- A personal trainer/coach
- Information to help you become a better parent
- Skills to become a better communicator
- Chance to make new friends who care about what you care about
- Opportunity for personal growth
- Good food
- Stipends to cover gasoline and childcare
- CHOCOLATE



Parent Leadership Academy

BENEFITS OF PARENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR PARENTS:

- Parents will be better informed about education, in general.
- Parents will have clearer understanding of education terms/jargon which facilitates more effective conversations between parents, teachers and students.
- Parents will have clearer understanding of what children are expected to learn and be able to do.
- Parents will place higher value on education for their child and for themselves.
- Parents will help schools better communicate with all parents.

BENEFITS OF PARENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR SCHOOLS:

- Schools will have parents who are better informed about the challenges schools face.
- Schools will have parents who are more supportive of schools and school staff.
- Schools will have parents who are better prepared to serve as effective members of school committees, councils, etc.
- Schools will have parents who understand the need to be involved in their child's education.
- Schools will have parents who can bring skills and resources to schools.

BENEFITS OF PARENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR STUDENTS:

- Students will have parents who better understand the child's strengths and challenges at school.
- Students will know their parents are interested in their education.
- Students will know their parents value education.
- Students will have parents who are stronger advocates, decision-makers and teachers.
- Students will have greater likelihood of achieving at higher levels and of continuing education after high school.