

2022-2023 Illinois GEAR UP Grant Proposal Application

Welcome to Illinois GEAR UP (ILGU)!

As the state's college access and financial aid agency, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) has one of the largest statewide college outreach programs in the country, dedicated to helping Illinois high school students and their families make more informed choices about postsecondary education. Consistent with our ISAC mission, the Illinois GEAR UP program (ILGU) is focused on making college accessible and affordable for Illinois students. Through ILGU and with our partners, we are working to help raise the expectations of ILGU students about what they can achieve, prepare ILGU students for success in postsecondary education, and build a self-sustaining college-going culture in our partner schools.

Proposal Objective: Through the ILGU Grant, schools may receive additional support to increase their capacity to serve students and families. These supports include the areas of postsecondary exploration, academics, school enrichment, and family engagement. Implementation of the grant funds should be used to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

Proposal Guidelines: Items requested in this application must align with one or more of the following ILGU goals & objectives:

1. To increase the academic performance and preparation for postsecondary education of participating students
2. To increase the rate of high school graduation and participation in postsecondary education of participating students
3. To increase educational expectations for participating students and increase student and family knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparation, and financing

What kinds of supplies, materials, or services are considered? Supplies, services, and staff requested must align with the guidelines listed above and can only supplement, not supplant, existing programs/initiatives available within the school.

Please note:

- Purchases may only be reimbursed if they were approved and cited within this initial subgrant proposal and final contract. Purchases cannot be reimbursed retroactively.
- An amended proposal form must be submitted to include additional purchases to be approved and reimbursed.
- In the event you need to submit an amended proposal after your initial subgrant agreement has been completed, resubmit this form. Indicate that your school already has an existing subgrant agreement for the 22-23 school year on page 2.



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Applicant Information for ILGU Grant

This form should be completed electronically. Completed proposals must be emailed to **ISAC.ILGUSUBGRANTS@ILLINOIS.GOV**. Contact the email listed above with any additional questions or concerns.

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| Name of School: | |
| Type of School (i.e., middle school, high school): | |
| First Time Applicant? YES NO | Does your school have an existing subgrant agreement for the 22-23 school year? YES NO |
| Lead Applicant Name and Job Title: | |
| Email Address: | Phone Number: |
| Principal Name: | |
| Principal Email Address: | Principal Phone Number: |
| Primary Purpose of Project (one or two sentences): | |
| Project Start Date: | Project End Date: |
| Total Budget Requested: | Total Number of Students Served by Budget: |

