

Vineland Public Schools

May 1, 2009

To the Parents of:

Your son/daughter has successfully met the initial criteria used to determine eligibility for a GEAR UP Scholarship. In Vineland this scholarship is administered under the auspices of the Vineland Education Foundation. The aforementioned criteria are:

1. The attainment of a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
2. Attendance for 4 consecutive years in Vineland High School
3. Absences not to exceed 12 in one school year
4. Latenesses (Tardies) not to exceed 12 in one school year
5. No more than one out of school suspension in a given school year

And now, we need your assistance to continue the eligibility verification process. Please submit:

1. Documentation of participation in at least one extracurricular activity for each year in high school. The form(s) for extra curricular documentation may be downloaded from: <http://www.vineland.org/gearup/index.htm> (click on "extra curricular form" You will need one form for each grade 9 – 12. Therefore, four forms must be submitted.)
2. Documentation of community service during your years in high school. The form for community service may be downloaded from the same site. (click on community service form) Select the year in high school in which you performed this community service. You need only submit one community service form. This is all that is needed to meet the GEAR UP scholarship requirement guidelines.
3. The letter of acceptance from the two or four-year institution of higher learning (college/technical school) you will be attending in the fall.
4. A copy of the student's PELL grant eligibility notice received in response to the student's submission of the FAFSA. Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Verification of your eligibility for a Pell grant must be submitted for you to be considered for additional scholarship monies. Non-submission of this documentation will preclude you from receipt of these additional funds.
5. A note indicating the specific address of the financial aid or bursar's office to which scholarship monies should be sent. This must be very specific and detailed i.e.: Bursar's Office/Financial aid office, name of college, street address, city, state, zip code. Frequently this address will differ from the admissions office address. You must secure this information and provide it to us.

Items 1,2,3,4 and 5 must be submitted to Mrs. Beth Bergamo, guidance chairperson on the south campus of Vineland High School or Dr. Emily Cannon, guidance chairperson on the north campus of Vineland High School no later than May 22, 2009 at 2:20pm. Non-adherence to this deadline may preclude your receipt of said scholarship. We look forward to the timely receipt of the aforementioned documents.

Thank you for your cooperation and kind attention. Please contact Mrs. Bergamo at: 856 -794-6800 ext. 2562, Dr. Cannon at 856 -794-6800 ext, 2726 or Ms. Santagata at 856-794-6700 ext. 2357 with any questions.

Sincerely yours,
Linda Santagata
On behalf of the Vineland Education Foundation Board