

## GEAR UP Rising Phoenix Application



**Welcome to the GEAR UP Rising Phoenix program application for the Class of 2027!  
The priority application deadline is Tuesday, March 18, 2025.**

*\*\*\* If you begin the application, but do not submit it at that time, your application information will be saved due to the browser cookies. There is no save button. As long as you re-enter the application through the same link/browser, your information will be saved.*

**Before you begin, it is important to note 2 important requirements:**

1. This application **requires parent/guardian information and e-signatures**. Your responses will be saved if you exit the application, so they may sign at a later time OR just make sure they are nearby as you are working your way through the application.
2. As part of the application, **an essay is required**. Your essay must be uploaded to this application as a PDF. We recommend completing your essay questions BEFORE you begin this application, so you are prepared to upload it into this form. These questions can be found on the GEAR UP Rising Phoenix webpage at: <https://www.uwgb.edu/gear-up/rising-phoenix/>.

**Questions? Please email us at [gearup@uwgb.edu](mailto:gearup@uwgb.edu).**

**If you are ready to progress with the application, please advance below.**

Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial (if applicable)

Preferred Name (if different from your legal name above)

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

Last 4 Digits of your Social Security Number

Gender

Legal Sex

- Female
- Male
- Another Legal Sex

Current Grade Level

*\*Rising Phoenix applicants MUST be in 10th grade at the time of application. However, if you are in another grade level, you may still apply for the GEAR UP Program and participate in the services provided outside of Rising Phoenix!*

- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12

What GEAR UP high school do you currently attend?

*\*GEAR UP Rising Phoenix applicants MUST attend one of the high schools below, or they will not be eligible for the program.*

Please list the name of your school counselor below

Please list your school counselor's email address below

Have you ever taken a college course through UW-Green Bay before?

- Yes
- No

What semester did you take the course OR what semester will you be taking the course (*Fall 202X, Spring 202X, or Summer 202X*)?

*\*This information just helps us determine if you have a non-degree seeking application already on file to avoid confusion in our Admissions Office.*

Do you receive free or reduced meals at school? *Check one.*

- Free
- Reduced
- I do not receive free or reduced meals in school

Are you of Hispanic or Latino/a origin?

- Yes
- No

If yes, choose one or more from the following list:

- Cuban
- Puerto Rican
- Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicano/a
- Other Hispanic or Latino/a

Please select all that apply:

- African American or Black
- American Indian or Alaska Native (please specify tribal affiliation below)
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Cambodian
- Hmong

- Laotian
- Vietnamese
- Other Asian (please specify below)
- White

Citizenship Status

- US Citizen
- Permanent Resident
- I am not a US Citizen or Permanent Resident

What majors and/or minors are you interested in? *It is no problem if you are not sure, simply list subjects you enjoy!*

What is your current high school cumulative GPA (unweighted) on a 4.0 scale? *This information will be confirmed with your high school transcript.*

What is your home mailing address?

Street Address

Apartment (if applicable)

City

State

Zip Code

What is your school email address?

School Email Address

What is your personal email address?

Personal Email Address

Student cell phone number (if applicable)

Student cell number

Are you able to send/receive text messages on your cell phone? (if applicable)

Yes

No

Home phone number (if applicable)

Home Phone Number

### Household Information

Number of people in your household (including yourself)

What language is primarily spoken in your home?

### Parent/Guardian 1 Contact Information

Last Name

First Name

Cell Number

Home Phone Number

Email Address

Parent/Guardian 1 Highest Level of Education (check one)

Some high school

- High school diploma, GED, or HSED
- Some college
- Associate's degree (technical college or 2-year degree)
- Bachelor's degree
- Graduate degree (masters or doctorate)
- Unknown

### Parent/Guardian 2 Contact Information

*\*\*\*Leave blank if not applicable*

Last Name

First Name

Cell Phone Number

Home Phone Number

Email Address

### Parent/Guardian 2 Highest Level of Education (check one)

*\*Leave blank if not applicable*

- Some high school
- High school diploma, GED, or HSED
- Some college
- Associate's degree (technical college or 2-year degree)
- Bachelor's degree
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The following section includes UW-Green Bay's expectations and releases for students and their parents/guardians.

### **CONSENT FOR PHOTOGRAPH/VIDEO**

I understand that the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay may take photographs/videos of Program participants and activities. I agree the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay shall be the owner of and may use such photographs/videos relating to the promotion of future activities. I further agree to allow the release of photographs and video recordings for educational purposes, with or without audio, for activities and programs involving Attendee and relinquish all rights that I may claim in relation to the use of said images.

If you have any questions or concerns about how these promotional materials may be used, please contact us at [gearup@uwgb.edu](mailto:gearup@uwgb.edu).

**Student approval required:** May we use photos/videos including you in future brochures, websites or other informational and marketing materials?

- Yes  
 No

**Student:** Please sign your name below acknowledging that you have reviewed this information and answered accordingly in the question above. By entering your name



below, you are giving permission for photos or videos of you to be used for the purposes of University of Wisconsin-Green Bay marketing and communication.

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**Parent/Guardian approval required:** May we use photos/videos including your child in future brochures, websites or other informational and marketing materials?

- Yes
- No

**Parent or Guardian:** Please sign your name below acknowledging that you have reviewed this information and answered accordingly in the question above. By entering your name below, you are giving permission for photos or videos of your child to be used for the purposes of University of Wisconsin-Green Bay marketing and communication.

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**Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Release:**

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and the School District are permitted to disclose information to each other from the student's academic record for the below purposes:

1. For sharing student transcripts and attendance records for admissions purposes
2. For the purposes of access additional support provided by the secondary school district
3. For verbal exchange regarding the student's activity in courses facilitated by the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
4. The exchange of academic progress reports between the two institutions for the evaluation of progress

By signing below, I authorize the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and the School District to consult my education record and to disclose such education records as that official considers appropriate in accordance with the above-stated purpose(s). I understand that I have the right to revoke this authorization/waiver at any time by delivering a written revocation to the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, but that such revocation will not affect any waiver of access to records obtained or received prior to delivery of such written revocation. This authorization will remain in effect for the next three school years.

Student signature: *\*Students cannot be denied any education services from the institution if they refuse to provide consent.*

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Parent/Guardian signature for FERPA release (above):

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Are you currently a member of GEAR UP, Talent Search, or Upward Bound?

- Yes
- No



If you are admitted to the **GEAR UP *Rising Phoenix Program***, that means you are admitted to both the GEAR UP Precollege Program AND the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay as a degree-seeking student.

The following sections are specific to DPI WEOP and the GEAR UP Program.

**DPI WEOP Education Specialist Responsibilities:**

As a GEAR UP student, you will be assigned an Education Specialist who will provide college and career readiness support for you, in addition to the support you will receive from your GEAR UP Rising Phoenix Success Coach. The DPI WEOP Education Specialist will be responsible for:

1. Conducting monthly college and career readiness meetings at the student's high school.
2. Meeting regularly with the student to discuss college and career options.
3. Arranging enrichment programming such as college and career focused workshops, tutoring, mentoring, leadership activities, volunteer opportunities, career exploration, and college visits.

4. Advocating and providing academic and social support for the student when necessary.
5. Providing information and assistance on applying for scholarships, college admission, and financial aid that includes grants, loans, scholarships, and work study.
6. Monitoring the student's academic performance to assist the student to achieve his/her college potential.
7. Keeping parent(s)/guardian(s) apprised of the student's progress and parent activities.

**GEAR UP Student Responsibilities & Signature:**

As a member of the DPI WEOP program, I understand that I am selected to be a part of this program because I have the potential to attend college. By participating in this program, I will have the opportunity to reach my educational and career goals. Therefore, I agree to take personal responsibility for my actions by:

1. Having a positive attitude, behaving appropriately, and meeting the program's expectations.
2. Attending the monthly DPI WEOP school year meetings, being on time, keeping my scheduled appointments and participating in support services that will help me prepare for my future.
3. Participating in at least 50 percent of the required DPI WEOP monthly school meetings. If I fail to participate in these meetings, I know that I will not be allowed to attend college visits or field trips.
4. Acknowledging that if I do not participate in the required monthly school meetings, I will be removed from the DPI WEOP program.
5. Informing my parent(s) or guardians of any DPI WEOP activities that requires their attendance.
6. Contacting my education specialist when I cannot make my commitments to the program.
7. Preparing for college by taking the right courses in middle and high school, maintaining good grades, graduating from high school, and applying for college admission and financial aid.
8. Notifying the DPI WEOP office if my address, phone, email address, school, and/or grade changes.

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**Parent/Legal Guardian Responsibilities & Signature:**

I understand and agree that the goal of the DPI WEOP program is to assist my child achieve his/her college or career goals. I agree to:

1. Monitor my child’s participation in the DPI WEOP program, drop off and pick up my child at the scheduled time, return forms in a timely fashion, and attend DPI WEOP activities when requested.
2. Communicate with the DPI WEOP education specialist about my child’s involvement in the program and his/her academic progress.
3. Approve the release of my son/daughter’s academic records to DPI WEOP, UWGB, and the high school for counseling and record keeping purposes for the duration that my child is a participant in a DPI WEOP program or until my child graduates, whichever occurs first. These records include but are not limited to school transcripts, standardized test scores, class schedule, attendance records, free and reduced-price meal information, Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®), Student Aid Report (SAR®), college financial aid award notification, and any other records maintained by educational agencies for the purposes of accessing additional support provided by the secondary school district. I also approve the exchange of academic progress reports between the two institutions for the evaluation of progress.
4. Allow DPI WEOP and UWGB to take and use pictures, record videos, and/or name or quote my child in any news releases that are used for promotional purposes in brochures, advertisements, publicity, etc.

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Students who are admitted to the Rising Phoenix Program will receive a Rising Phoenix t-shirt at new student orientation. What is your t-shirt size?

- Small
- Medium
- Large

- X-Large
- 2XL
- 3XL
- 4XL

## **RISING PHOENIX ESSAY**

As part of the Rising Phoenix application process, an essay is required. The essay will consist of your responses to three questions. Please take your time with these questions, as your answers allow us to assess your level of interest in the program, as well as your writing ability. This essay is a very important part of the Rising Phoenix application, so please answer thoroughly and be as open as possible.

- Your essay should be 1.5-3 pages, double-spaced
- Type your essay into a separate document, save it as a PDF, and then upload it to this portal before submitting this application.
- Demonstrating you can complete these steps is a part of the application process.

### **Questions:**

1. Why are you interested in participating in the Rising Phoenix Early College High School Program?
2. Tell your story about a time when you overcame a significant or personal challenge. Explain the details of the situation and how you handled and work through things, as well as what you learned from the experience"
3. As a Rising Phoenix student, you will take college-level coursework at your high school, online, and/or on one of the UW-Green Bay campuses in Green Bay, Manitowoc, Marinette, or Sheboygan. How will you utilize social and academic resources and support during your journey? Please be specific.

**REQUIRED: Upload Essay Here in PDF Format**

**High School Transcript & Attendance Records:** Your unofficial high school transcript and attendance record are required as part of the application to the program. You are not required to obtain these records yourself. Our team will obtain these records for you from your high school.

**OPTIONAL:** If you have any additional information that you think may be helpful for the admissions review committee to know, please type your response below or email a separate document to [gearup@uwgb.edu](mailto:gearup@uwgb.edu).