MARCH 31, 2021

NEW INFORMATION:

Financial Aid Bootcamp
Family Survey Extended (April 9)

Financial Aid Bootcamp

The Department of Education is hosting a financial aid boot camp for students, families, and school staff on April 20-21. Please click the link to the right and share the information with anyone who might be interested in this free event.

More Info

REMINDERS:

AIM Grant Due Date Final Reminder
Marketing & Communication Files

Academic Innovation Mini Grants Final Deadline Reminder (April 9)

This is a final reminder that the AIM Grant proposals are due April 9th. Please consider sending any final reminders to teachers and administrators to ensure this deadline is on their radar. All requirements and files for the AIM grant can be located at the AIM grant page on the GEAR UP website. We have already received multiple proposals, and we are excited to begin reviewing all of the innovative requests from your schools!
Family Survey Extended (April 9)

Thank you all for working hard to ensure that the GEAR UP Family, Student, and Teacher Survey data collection is a success and yields high response rates. We are especially thankful to all the District Coordinators who continue to be so innovative, exploring and using a wide range of communication techniques and tools for the surveys to reach so many students, families, and teachers.

Across all districts, the Family Survey response rate has been low. Low response rates will greatly impact some of our Performance Indicators (PIs). Please let us know how we can continue to assist you to increase the family survey response rates in your districts. **We are extending the closing deadline for the Family Survey data collection to April 9, 2021.** If you have any questions or need assistance with the surveys please email Tongai (maodzwatl@appstate.edu). For those districts who are administering surveys using paper copies, please mail the completed paper surveys to Appalachian State University GEAR UP offices using the following addresses.

If you use USPS, the address to use is:
C/O Tongai Maodzwa (Family Surveys)
College Access Partnerships
ASU P.O. Box 32152
Boone, NC 28608

And, if you use FedEx or UPS the address to use is:
C/O: Tongai Maodzwa (Family Surveys)
Appalachian State University
College Access Partnerships
Office No. 323
730 Rivers Street,
Boone, NC 28608

Marketing & Communications Files

Do you need anything in our GEAR UP Resource Folder personalized? Do you want us to create something similar in your district? We can tweak any resource to fit the needs of your district, and we encourage you to brainstorm any ideas of how our resources can serve your needs! Districts may use any of the resources from this folder at any time. If a district wants to make any edits to an existing item in the folder, they will need to complete the Resource Request form. We will continually add items to this folder, so be sure to check back often. If you would like App State to print a resource in the folder, please allow 30 days for printing and delivery of the materials. Contact Elyssee Gibson (gibsonse@appstate.edu) with any questions.

*New items in the folder include GEAR UP Zoom backgrounds, test date reminders, social media posts, GEAR UP services login flyers, survey graphics, and more!*