What is GEAR UP?
As a GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) student, your child is eligible to receive a GEAR UP Summer Scholars scholarship (worth $750!) to any one of over 70 different Career Explorations this summer offered by Youth Programs at Michigan Technological University.

What should I expect from Summer Youth Programs?
The Summer Youth Program (SYP) is designed to allow students like yours to explore careers and learning in a hands-on, exploratory environment, without the added stress of exams and grades. As a SYP participant, they will attend a week-long program that spends 30 hours digging into topics through discussion, investigation and discovery, and they’ll have quite a bit of fun in the process! Every exploration is lead by Michigan Tech faculty, staff, graduate students and other specialists within particular fields. In the evening following class dismissal, students can partake in a vast amount of activities and special events led by our summer counseling staff, comprised of over 60 college students!

When and where do these programs take place?
From July 4 through July 31, our week-long programs will be running both on and off campus, ranging from such topics as Space Science Rocketry, Sports Science, Computer Networks & Security, as well as Careers in Health Care and Aquatic Ecology (stay in a cabin at Gratiot Lake!).

How do I apply?
Applying is easy! Fill out the attached Youth Programs application, as well as the GEAR UP Scholarship form on the back of this sheet. For an electronic copy of this application, or to apply online, visit our website at www.youthprograms.mtu.edu.

Opportunities like this don’t come around too often, so please don’t let this one slip by! We certainly hope to see your students on campus this summer, where they’ll be immersed in an environment that gives them a taste of college life, and will provide insight into numerous careers where endless possibilities await them.

Contact our office with any questions
Michigan Tech
302 Alumni House
1400 Townsend Drive
Houghton, MI 49931-1295

Toll-Free 1-888-773-2655
Fax 1-906-487-1136
Email yp@mtu.edu
www.youthprograms.mtu.edu
Please fill out the following and return (including any necessary documents) with the rest of your application.

Legal Name ______________________________________________________________________________________

First   Middle   Last    Suffix (Jr., Sr., II, etc)

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION
Have one of your high school teachers complete this section.
Michigan Tech’s Youth Programs and GEAR UP are offering scholarships for students that display an aptitude and enthusiasm for learning.

COMMENTS
__________________________________________________________________________________________________
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Signature __________________________________________________ Date ______________________

Title _________________________________________________________________________________

SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT
Enclose your most recent, official, updated transcript of all your high school course work through the first semester of this year. In addition, indicate the following in the space provided.

Current class rank _____ out of _________ Cumulative GPA _________________
(Note: if your school uses a grading system other than the 4.0 scale, an explanation of the method must accompany the official transcripts.)

Please check the box next to the ethnicity that best describes you.
Your response is voluntary. All information is kept confidential and will only be used for statistical purposes.

□ Caucasian   □ African American   □ Hispanic   □ Asian or Pacific Islander   □ American Indian or Alaskan Native   □ Multi-racial

ESSAY
In a short essay (approximately 700 words), describe what your goals are for the next five years, and how Youth Programs will play a role in achieving these aspirations. Include information about the exploration you have chosen and why you would be a good candidate for this scholarship.

DON’T FORGET!
This is only part of the application process. In order to be enrolled in a Michigan Tech Youth Programs exploration, you must also complete and submit a Youth Programs application. This can be done with the attached form, by downloading another form from our website, or by applying online. Visit www.youthprograms.mtu.edu for more information.

CHECKLIST FOR APPLYING
□ Completed Youth Programs Application   □ High School Transcript
□ Completed Scholarship Application   □ Essay
ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM.

Explorations fill quickly! There are two ways to apply:
Online: www.youthprograms.mtu.edu • By mail: see below

DON’T FORGET!
This is only part of the application process. In order to be eligible to receive the GEAR UP scholarship, you must also fill out the Scholarship Application attached to this document. The GEAR UP scholarship will cover all program costs including room, board, transportation, and classroom fees.

Legal name ____________________________________________

First Middle Last Suffix (Jr., Sr., II, etc.)

Preferred name/nickname ____________________________________________
(This is how your name will appear on your participant ID.)

Have you previously attended Michigan Tech’s Youth Programs? □ Yes □ No

Contact Information
Participant’s email______________________________

Street_________________________________ City____________________________

State/Province_________________________ ZIP or Postal code________________

County_________________________ Country________________

Phone number ____________________________
(International Students: please provide an international fax number.)

Country code __________ City code ________ Local number ______________

Personal Information
Gender ______________________________ Birth date __________________________ Current age

School Information
What is the name of the school you attended this year?
_____________________________________________________

What grade will you have completed by June 2010?
_____________________________________________________

Current class rank: ________ out of _________ Cumulative GPA _________ (4.0 scale)

Transcript Provided □ Yes □ No
(students who provide a copy of their transcripts with their application may be eligible for Youth Programs Merit Awards—see website for more details.)

Roommate Request
Roommate requests are honored whenever possible. However, BOTH friends must request each other. If you request to room with a friend, but your friend does not request you, you WILL NOT be placed together, and it will not be possible to switch rooms when you arrive.

If possible, I would like to room with (friend’s name): ________________________________

Parent/Guardian Information—Each parent/guardian must fill out the following information.

Relationship to applicant ________________________________ Relationship to applicant ________________________________

First name __________ Middle name __________ Last name __________ Suffix __________ First name __________ Middle name __________ Last name __________ Suffix __________

Evening phone number ________________________________ Day phone number ________________________________

Cell phone number ________________________________ Email address ________________________________

Cell phone number ________________________________ Email address ________________________________
Enrollment
I am enrolling in the following exploration(s):

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Please list alternate exploration choices in order of preference.

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How did you hear about our program?

- Counselor or teacher
- Previous participant
- Youth Programs website
- Poster
- Friend
- Catalog
- Internet search
- Michigan Tech alumni or faculty/staff
- Youth Programs Event
- Other

Transportation
GEAR UP students have the option of being picked up and dropped off at their local school by Michigan Tech Youth Programs staff if arrangements are made in advance. Please include details as to when and where your student would like to be picked up, if this applies to you.

☐ My student would like to be picked up at his/her school by Youth Programs Staff

Name of School: ___________________________________________________________

Preferred time of Pick-up (on start date of program): ______________________

Preferred time of Drop-off (on end date of program): ______________________

**Please note times will be subject to change**

☐ My student will be dropped off at the program through means of private transportation

Drop-off date: ____________________________ Drop-off time: ______________________

Pick-up date: ____________________________ Pick-up time: ______________________

Please note: If you will be arriving before the program begins, or departing after its conclusion, there is an additional fee. See website for details.

All students (live-in and commuter) are required to register between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM on Sundays.