

# TOGETHER WE RISE



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Every student is on a journey. We serve those who illuminate the way.

To some, it's work—but to us, it's a movement. Accelerating the college and career readiness of underserved students is challenging, but yields remarkable rewards. In a time of great uncertainty, nurturing and harnessing the power of our movement is the key to our shared success.

Join a strong and vibrant community of leaders fiercely committed to expanding educational opportunity for all students. Become a [Member](#) of NCCEP today.





# Why Membership Matters



**Our association is founded on the belief that our community is rich in real-world expertise that can be harnessed for the greater good.** Enhanced communication and collaboration are necessities for ensuring our individual programs and national community thrive. As a member, you can more effectively learn, share, and gain access to resources and programs that help you and your team achieve your goals.

**Our association is founded on the belief that each of us can rise to the challenge of yielding data-driven insights to inform our practices and policies.**

As a member, you can gain access to a community of experts, relevant tools and resources, and tailored professional development that will help you establish a stronger research and evaluation foundation.



**Our association is founded on the belief that while our collective voice is powerful, we have yet to reach our full potential.** As a member, you can help elevate our community's political standing; gain access to insider information, toolkits, and resources; and get hands-on support to better mobilize your stakeholders in support of GEAR UP.



# NCCEP Member Benefits

## EXCEL

An **online learning community** to interact, share, and learn with your GEAR UP peers. **Enhanced online** and **in-person** professional development for GEAR UP leaders and practitioners of all levels. **Continuing education credits**. Coaching and **institutes** for GEAR UP leaders. **Elected GEAR UP representation** on the NCCEP Board of Directors. Benefits applied to **youth programming**.

## PROVE

Expanded professional development. White papers on GEAR UP best practices. GEAR UP benchmarking initiatives. A **repository** of college access, readiness, and success research. Tools and resources for **GEAR UP evaluation and the APR/FPR**.

## MOBILIZE

Deeper public policy analysis. Improved national communication through the **GEAR UP Weekly Digest** and the **NCCEP Quad**. Expanded **toolkits** for effective advocacy, coalition-building, media relations, and **National GEAR UP Week**.

# NCCEP Dues Structure

As an association, NCCEP is comprised of institutional members to advance the shared goals of our college access, readiness, and success community. The dues structure is differentiated by the type and number of GEAR UP grants awarded to an institution. Annual membership dues will be administered on a rolling basis.

## Partnership GEAR UP Grantees

The annual membership dues for a Partnership GEAR UP Grantee—typically the fiscal agent—will be the lesser of \$3,500 or 1% of their annual federal GEAR UP award.

For each additional GEAR UP grant beyond the first, a \$500 supplement will be added to the annual dues.

## State GEAR UP Grantees

The annual membership dues for a State GEAR UP Grantee—typically the fiscal agent—will be the lesser of \$3,500 or 1% of their annual federal GEAR UP award.

For each additional GEAR UP grant beyond the first, a \$500 supplement will be added to the annual dues.

## NCCEP Membership Dues Are an Allowable GEAR UP Expense

Annual membership dues to NCCEP are an allowable GEAR UP expense under Section 200.454 of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, which states that the **“costs of the non-Federal entity’s membership in business, technical, and professional organizations are allowable.”** Although NCCEP does engage in lobbying as part of our broader organizational portfolio, we annually disclose our lobbying activities to remain in compliance with Internal Revenue Service thresholds related to not-for-profit organizations. In no circumstance will membership dues sourced from GEAR UP funds be used to support lobbying or other federally prohibited activities.



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It's More Than A Slogan—  
It's Our Guiding Philosophy.

Through our membership association, we will empower one another to improve the quality of our work, maximize our programmatic impact, and help ensure a brighter future for GEAR UP.

Take ten minutes to become a  
Member of NCCEP by clicking here.

Have Questions? Contact us at  
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