

Talking Points

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Designate a facilitator to briefly introduce everyone. Names and program roles are sufficient. Don't spend a significant amount of time on this. (2-3 minutes)

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Describe why you applied for a GEAR UP grant. Share concerns about student achievement, high school graduation rates, or other educational equity issues in your community. (1-2 minutes)

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Briefly describe your program. What services are provided? How many students and families are served? Where are your GEAR UP schools located? (2-3 minutes)

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Describe your program's accomplishments. Provide data related to your program. If outcome data is available, share it. (3-5 minutes)

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Share personal stories. Share success stories about students and families that have benefited from the GEAR UP program. (3-5 minutes)

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Describe your plans for the future of the program. What are your specific goals for the grant? What is the timeline for achieving those goals? (2-3 minutes)

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Invite the member of Congress to visit the program.