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To: Recipients of the GEAR UP Achievement Grant
First Place Winners in the Essay Contest

From: Scholarship Coordinator

RE: Request for Disbursement of Funds

As a first place winner in the Essay Contest, or a recipient of the GEAR UP Achievement Grant in your junior year of high school, you received a monetary award towards the cost of your higher education, which is being held by our office in an account.

Once you have graduated from high school and enrolled in college, you may request disbursement of your award. To retrieve your funds you must complete a **Notice of Intent to Enroll in College** form. The form may be downloaded off the GEAR UP web site, or you may contact me to obtain a copy.

After receiving your request, we will verify your enrollment in college. Upon verification, we will send your funds directly to the institution at the beginning of the college semester. The funds are intended to offset the cost of attendance at college and are not awarded directly to you.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at (406) 444-0638, or email to jkirkpatrick@mgslp.state.mt.us. Best wishes in your academic endeavors!