**Oregon GEAR UP Life After High School Survey**

This survey will ask about your experiences after high school, and suggestions for how GEAR UP schools could help students achieve their goals. Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. By completing this survey, you agree to be a part of this study. Your responses will be **confidential**; we will not share your individual responses with anyone.

After completing this survey, we will send you a **$10 Amazon gift card** to the email address you provide at the end of this survey. Thank you!

1. Please write your first name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you currently live in Oregon?
3. Yes. What city/town? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. No. What state do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. What are you currently doing? **(Select all that apply)**
   1. Working. How many hours per week?\_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. Looking for work or in between jobs
   3. Enrolled in a certificate or trade program (for example to be trained as a plumber, hair stylist, or mechanic)
   4. Enrolled in a 2-year community college. Which one: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   5. Enrolled in a 4-year college or university. Which one: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   6. In the military or preparing for the military
   7. Something else 🡪 What is that? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. Here are some things people think about when they decide what to do after high school. Which ones were important to you when you were deciding what to do after high school? **(Select all that apply)**
   1. Being near my family
   2. Being involved in my church
   3. Expanding my horizons (e.g., having new experiences)
   4. Having a job or career I love
   5. Making money
   6. Serving my country
   7. Staying in Oregon
   8. Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Which one was the **most important** to you when you were deciding? **(Select one)** [Display those selected in previous question; if only one was selected, do not show this question]
   1. Being near my family
   2. Being involved in my church
   3. Expanding my horizons (e.g., having new experiences)
   4. Having a job or career I love
   5. Making money
   6. Serving my country
   7. Staying in Oregon
   8. Other
8. When deciding what to do after high school, how influential were the following people?

|  | Not  influential | Somewhat influential | Influential | Very  influential |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Parents or guardians | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| Siblings | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| Other family members | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| Friends | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| Teacher(s) | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| School counselor | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| GEAR UP coordinator | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| Principal | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| Someone else from my community or church | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |  |  |

1. [ASK IF Q3a=1] What type of job do you currently have? **(Select one)**
   1. Food preparation or food service job (for example, cook, waiter, hostess)
   2. Other service job (for example: landscaping, child care, cleaning)
   3. Sales or office job (for example: retail sales, sales clerk, secretary, administrative assistant)
   4. Farming, mining, fishing/crabbing, or forestry job
   5. Construction or maintenance job (for example: mechanic, construction worker, house painter)
   6. Transportation or production job (for example: food processing, truck driving, machinist, mill worker, welding)
   7. Other (specify):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**[For those not enrolled in PSE]**

1. [ (Q3c=0 and Q3d=0 and Q3e=0)] While in high school, did you apply to any of the following? **(Select all that apply)**
   1. Certificate or trade program
   2. 2-year community college
   3. 4-year college or university
2. [ASK IF (Q3c=0 and Q3d=0 and Q3e=0)] How likely are you to enroll in a certificate, trade, or college degree program **in the future**?
   1. Very likely
   2. Somewhat likely
   3. Somewhat unlikely
   4. Very unlikely
   5. Not sure
3. [ASK IF (Q9a=1 or Q9b=2)] Which are you more likely to enroll in? **(Select one)**
   1. Certificate or trade program
   2. 2-year community college
   3. 4-year college or university
4. [ASK IF (Q3c=0 and Q3d=0 and Q3e=0)] Here are some reasons why people decide to postpone or to NOT to continue their education beyond high school. Choose any reasons that apply to you **(Select all that apply)**
5. I needed a break from school
6. I needed to work
7. My grades or test scores were not good enough
8. I don’t need more education to be successful in my chosen career
9. I don’t need more education to make money
10. I wanted to start a family
11. I needed to take care of a family member. Please specify (e.g., parent, sibling, child):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
12. It costs too much
13. I didn’t know how to enroll
14. Most of my friends were not going on for more school
15. I live too far away from where the classes are offered
16. I was not motivated to go to college
17. I wanted to stay close to my family
18. I wanted to go into the military
19. Some other reason, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. [ASK IF (Q3c=0 and Q3d=0 and Q3e=0)] Which one was **the most important** to you? **(Select one)** [Display only those selected in previous question; if only one was selected, do not show this question]
2. I needed a break from school
3. I needed to work
4. My grades or test scores were not good enough
5. I don’t need more education to be successful in my chosen career
6. I don’t need more education to make money
7. I wanted to start a family
8. I needed to take care of a family member. Please specify (e.g., parent, sibling, child):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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14. I wanted to stay close to my family
15. I wanted to go into the military
16. Some other reason, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**[For those in the military]**

1. [ASK IF Q3f=1] Which one of the following reasons were important to you when you decided to enlist in the military? **(Select all that apply)**
2. To serve my country
3. They will pay for college
4. My family expected me to enlist
5. To get away from home
6. To gain specific skills
7. To push myself mentally and/or physically
8. Other (specify):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
9. [ASK IF Q3f=1] What was **the most important** reason why you decided to enlist in the military? **(Select one)** [Display only those selected in previous question; if only one was selected, do not show this question]
10. To serve my country
11. They will pay for college
12. My family expected me to enlist
13. To get away from home
14. To gain specific skills
15. To push myself mentally and/or physically
16. Other (specify):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**[For everyone]**

1. In two words or less, what aspect of your life after high school has been **most rewarding** for you? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. In two words or less, what aspect of your life after high school has been **most challenging** for you? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**[For those enrolled in PSE: IF Q3c=1 or Q3d=1 or Q3e=1]**

1. Here are some reasons why people continue their education after high school. Which ones were important to you when you decided to go for more school? **(Select all that apply)**
   1. My parents/guardians expected me to go
   2. Most or all of my friends are going
   3. To be able to get a better job
   4. To be able to make more money
   5. To get away from home
   6. To learn more about things that interest me
   7. To get prepared for a specific career
   8. Other (specify):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What was the most important reason when you were making a decision to go on? **(Select one)** [Display only those selected in previous question; if only one was selected, do not show this question]
   1. My parents/guardians expected me to go
   2. Most or all of my friends are going
   3. To be able to get a better job
   4. To be able to make more money
   5. To get away from home
   6. To learn more about things that interest me
   7. To get prepared for a specific career
   8. Other (specify):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**[For those enrolled in college: Q3d=1 or Q3e=1]**

1. So far, how are you doing academically in college? **(Select one)**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ⃝ Mostly ‘A’s | ⃝ ‘B’s & ‘C’s | ⃝ Mostly ‘D’s |
| ⃝ ‘A’s & ‘B’s | ⃝ Mostly ‘C’s | ⃝ Mostly failing |
| ⃝ Mostly ‘B’s | ⃝ ‘C’s & ‘D’s | ⃝ Don’t know |

1. Have you had or will you need any of the following **non-credit bearing or remedial courses in college**? **(Select all that apply)**
   1. Math: ⃝ No, don’t need it ⃝ I’ve taken this ⃝ I will need to take this ⃝ Don’t know
   2. Reading: ⃝ No, don’t need it ⃝ I’ve taken this ⃝ I will need to take this ⃝ Don’t know
   3. Writing: ⃝ No, don’t need it ⃝ I’ve taken this ⃝ I will need to take this ⃝ Don’t know
2. Did you successfully complete the following non-credit bearing or remedial courses in college? [Display only those they have taken, as per previous question]
   1. Math: ⃝ Yes, passed the course ⃝ No, did not pass the course ⃝ Don’t know yet
   2. Reading: ⃝ Yes, passed the course ⃝ No, did not pass the course ⃝ Don’t know yet
   3. Writing: ⃝ Yes, passed the course ⃝ No, did not pass the course ⃝ Don’t know yet
3. The following are challenges that first-year college students may experience. To what extent have any of these been a challenge for you?

|  | Not applicable/Not challenging | Somewhat challenging | Very challenging |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. Understanding what courses I need to take | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| 1. Understanding what is expected of me in the classes I take | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| 1. Managing multiple school-related deadlines and responsibilities | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| 1. Balancing academic and social life | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| 1. Balancing academic work and job | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| 1. Keeping up my grades | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| 1. Feeling lonely or homesick | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| 1. Dealing with problems at home | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| 1. Making new friends | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| 1. Paying tuition and/or living expenses | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| 1. Finding stable housing | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| 1. Finding campus and community resources (such as counseling center, financial aid office, library, church) | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| 1. Finding a job to help me pay for school | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| 1. Finding student clubs, organizations, and extra-curricular experiences | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| 1. Other challenges: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | |

1. What kind of supportwould be helpful to you to improve your overall college experience?
2. Did you or your parents/guardians complete FAFSA/ORSAA?

⃝ Yes ⃝ No ⃝ Not sure

1. Which of the following are you using to pay for your college tuition and living expenses? **(Select all that apply)**

⃝ Family’s resources

⃝ My own savings

⃝ Income from working

⃝ Scholarships or grants

⃝ Loans

⃝ Other (specify):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. [ASK IF Q3d=1] Are you a recipient of the Oregon Promise grant?

⃝ Yes

⃝ No

⃝ Not sure

1. How confident are you that you can continue to afford college?

⃝ Very confident

⃝ Confident

⃝ Somewhat confident

⃝ Not confident

1. Do you plan to re-enroll in college next semester/term?
   1. Yes
   2. No
   3. Not sure
2. [ASK IF Q27b=1 or Q27c=1] Why not?

**[For all survey takers]**

**Next we would like to learn more about your experiences in high school.**

1. What were your grades like in high school?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ⃝ Mostly ‘A’s | ⃝ Mostly ‘B’s | ⃝ Mostly ‘C’s | ⃝ Mostly ‘D’s or below |
| ⃝ ‘A’s & ‘B’s | ⃝ ‘B’s & ‘C’s | ⃝ ‘C’s & ‘D’s |

1. Looking back at your high school experience, how important were the following in helping you prepare for life after high school?

|  | Not applicable (e.g., did not participate/ receive) | Very important | Important | Somewhat Important | Not important |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Career exploration (e.g., Career Information System [CIS], career fairs, career panels) | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| Work readiness activities (e.g., how to interview, build a resume, search for jobs) | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| Mentoring or support from teachers, counselors, or other school staff | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| Internship or job shadowing | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| Student clubs or other extra-curricular activities | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| Advanced Placement (AP) courses and/or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| Dual credit courses | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| Core academic classes | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| Other classes (electives, online learning) | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| Campus visits at 2- or 4-year colleges or certificate/trade/technical schools | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| Events such as college fair, college night, College Application Week, FAFSA/ORSAA night | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| Information about financial aid and scholarships | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
| Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | | | |

1. Overall, how helpful was your high school in preparing you for life after high school?

⃝ Not helpful ⃝ Somewhat helpful ⃝ Helpful ⃝ Very helpful

1. **[For those NOT enrolled in PSE: IF Q3c=0 and Q3d=0 and Q3e=0]** What more could your high school have done to help you and other students plan for and prepare for life after high school?
2. **[For those enrolled in PSE: IF Q3c=1 or Q3d=1 or Q3e=1]** What could your high school do to improve the overall assistance provided to students preparing to continue their education after high school?
3. If you could give one piece of advice to yourself as a 9th grader that would have helped you succeed in high school and beyond, what would you have said?

**The last few questions are about you and your family.**

1. What is the **highest level of education** any of your parents or guardians have **completed**?

⃝ High school diploma or less

⃝ Some college but no degree

⃝ Certificate or trade program

⃝ 2-year college degree

⃝ 4-year college degree or higher

⃝ Don’t know

1. Do you have a sibling who continued their education after high school?

⃝ Yes ⃝ No

1. Are you:

⃝ Male

⃝ Female

⃝ Other gender identity

⃝ Prefer not to answer

1. How do you describe yourself? **(Select all that apply)**

⃝ American Indian or Alaska Native ⃝ Multiethnic/multiracial

⃝ Asian ⃝ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

⃝ Black or African American ⃝ White

⃝ Latino or Hispanic ⃝ Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the **highest level of education** you expect to complete in the next ten years? **(Select one)**

⃝ High school diploma

⃝ Some college but no degree

⃝ Certificate or trade program

⃝ 2-year college degree

⃝ 4-year college degree or higher

⃝ Don’t know

1. Is there anything else you’d like us to know about your life and experiences after high school?
2. What is the **best email address** where we can send you the $10 Amazon gift certificate?