
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: IHL REQUEST FOR DESIGNATION AS STATE EDUCATION AGENCY ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR GEAR UP STATE GRANT
DATE: 1/21/01
CC: FILE

IHL has submitted a request for you to designate the agency as the state education agency eligible to apply for the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) State Grant funded through the U.S. Department of Education. GEAR UP provides multi-year competitive grants to states and to local partnerships between colleges, low-income middle schools and high schools, and at least two other organizations (businesses, a community-based religious or parent organization, and student groups).

You designated IHL as Mississippi's GEAR UP applicant last year. Our grant application did not receive funding, but it was "second next" for funding. If the grant had been funded, Mississippi would have received \$10 million. The mission of IHL's proposal was to ensure that disadvantaged middle- and high-school students are prepared and encouraged to pursue a college education.

IHL has submitted the attached letter for your signature.