The administrative rules that control the GEAR UP program refer to the set of principles for determining allowable costs found in OMB Circular 87. Go to http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/rewrite/circulars/a087/a087-all.html to view the full text of OMB Circular 87.

Attachment B of OMB Circular 87 specifies the allowable costs of selected items. Following is the text of item 30.

30. **Memberships, subscriptions, and professional activities.**
   a. Costs of the governmental unit's memberships in business, technical, and professional organizations are allowable.
   b. Costs of the governmental unit's subscriptions to business, professional, and technical periodicals are allowable.
   c. **Costs of meetings** and conferences where the primary purpose is the dissemination of technical information, including meals, transportation, rental of meeting facilities, and other incidental costs are allowable.

   d. Costs of membership in civic and community, social organizations are allowable as a direct cost with the approval of the Federal awarding agency.

   e. Costs of membership in organizations substantially engaged in lobbying are unallowable.