



UNIVERSITY OF
ARKANSAS

UPWARD BOUND

Program Application

WHAT IS UPWARD BOUND?

Upward Bound is a college preparatory program based at the University of Arkansas and funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Our goal is to prepare and encourage students with high academic potential to increase their knowledge and skills, improve study habits, and achieve self-discipline while developing the attitude and motivation necessary for success in high school and college.

WHAT COMMITMENTS MUST I MAKE?

You should be willing to actively participate in both the academic year and summer residential components of the Upward Bound program until the end of July following your graduation from high school. You will also need to agree to follow a “college track” at your school, which will require you to take a math, science, and English class each year until you graduate.

Academic Year (September through May)

During the academic year you will be responsible for attending a monthly Saturday Academy on the University of Arkansas campus. In addition, you will attend one additional meeting each month at your school. These sessions are designed to improve your appreciation for learning while increasing your academic knowledge and skills in the areas of math, science, English, and ACT preparation. Tutoring will be provided to assist you in academic areas in which you are experiencing difficulties. You will begin setting personal, academic, and career goals that include planning for college, study skills development, test preparation, and career exploration. Opportunities to visit college campuses, participate in cultural activities and field trips, and attend special events will also be a part of your academic year experience.

Summer Academy (June through July)

The Summer Academy is an academically intensive six-week residential program that will provide you with unique opportunities to experience a wide range of educational and personal development opportunities, and social activities. You will live in a residence hall on the University of Arkansas campus and will attend academic classes in science, English, math, and a foreign language. You will also be involved in personal development workshops, creative activities, supportive mentor groups, movies, a UB talent show, a prom, and much more. You will go home each Friday afternoon and return to the University on Sunday evenings. At the end of the summer, students in good standing will be eligible to go on an end-of-year trip.

DOES UPWARD BOUND COST ANYTHING TO JOIN?

Upward Bound is **FREE** of cost. This includes but is not limited to: tutoring sessions, classroom instruction, books, supplies, field trips, end-of-year trips, and room and board costs during the six-week summer residential program. A small stipend check will also be given to each student on a weekly basis, beginning with your first summer program and continuing monthly during the academic year. Criteria for receiving the stipend are full participation in all Upward Bound activities and good standing within the program.

WHAT MAKES ME ELIGIBLE FOR UPWARD BOUND MEMBERSHIP?

1. A desire to attend a four-year college or university and a willingness to do whatever it takes to reach this goal;
2. A definable academic need or desire for tutoring, career exploration, challenging academic environment, study skills, goal setting, motivation and encouragement;
3. Classification as a high school freshman, sophomore, or junior (9th, 10th, or 11th grade);
4. The willingness to make a long-term commitment to the program. You are expected to remain involved until the end of the summer following your graduation from high school;
5. Evidence of high academic ability and/or potential;
6. Currently enrolled in or have completed Algebra I;
7. Ability to secure transportation to all required academic year Saturday sessions at the University of Arkansas;
8. Must be a U.S. citizen or have permanent resident alien status;
9. At least one of the two criteria below must be met to be eligible for membership:

Be a potential first-generation college student. A first-generation college student is one whose parents or legal guardians, with whom the student currently lives, have not earned a four-year college degree.

-OR-

Meet federal income guidelines. The guidelines look at both the "taxable income" (Line 40 on the IRS 1040, on line 6 of the 1040EZ, on line 27 of the 1040A form) of the parent/guardian that the student currently lives with, and the number of people in the household. *Any student applicant that is currently in foster care is automatically income eligible.*

HOW DO I APPLY?

If you are willing to make the commitments necessary to be a member of Upward Bound and want to put forth the effort necessary to prepare for college, you should complete the "Application for Membership" in this packet. Follow the instructions closely, write clearly, and go to your school counselor or call the Upward Bound office if you have any questions.

VISION STATEMENT

Upward Bound is a program in which every participant is viewed as a unique, valuable individual who deserves advocacy, educational opportunities, and guidance to promote self-awareness and college success.

Students participate in Upward Bound because it provides a welcoming and supportive family of peers and staff. Upward Bound is a program in which students can be themselves, make new friends, receive academic support and encouragement, and increase their cultural awareness and sensitivity while clarifying their personal values and goals. A team of dedicated staff provides students with encouragement and support, access to the University community and resources that promote success.

Our purpose is to empower all Upward Bound students to achieve their full potential.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please follow all directions and check your application carefully to be sure that it is complete and signed. Use the following checklist:

- Completed application signed by you and your parent or guardian
- A copy of your current grades and standardized test scores (request from your counselor)
- Two recommendation forms; at least one must come from a math, science, or English teacher
- A copy of your parent's or guardian's Federal Tax Form (1040, 1040 A or 1040EZ) or other income verification
- A 300-word essay explaining your interest in Upward Bound, your strengths and weaknesses, and your personal and career goals

***Return all completed application materials to
your counselor or mail directly to:***



Upward Bound
UPTW 139
Fayetteville, AR 72701

479.575.2442 (office) 479.575.4279 (fax)
ub.uark.edu



Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: Male Female

Emergency Contact: _____ Emergency Number: _____

Ethnic Description: American Indian Asian African American Hispanic/Latino Pacific Islander White Other: _____

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No

If not a U.S. citizen, are you a permanent resident alien? Yes No Alien number: _____

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Student lives with: Mother Father Both Other: _____

Father/Male Guardian Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

Do you have a college degree? No Yes (If yes, indicate degree: Associate's Bachelor's Master's or higher)

Mother/Female Guardian Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of School: _____

Current Grade Level: 9th 10th 11th

Are you interested in going to college? Yes No Uncertain

If you could have any career or job, what would it be? _____

In what subject(s) do you do best? _____

In what subject(s) do you do worst? _____

List extracurricular activities in which you are involved: _____

****Request that a copy of your most current transcript, grade report, and standardized test scores be included with your application or sent directly to the Upward Bound Programs office by the application deadline.**

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Indicate the number of people in your household (including yourself): _____

Please check if you receive any of the following:

AFDC Child Support Food Stamps Free Lunch Social Security/SSI Other: _____

Please check the amount that reflects your family's taxable income (IMPORTANT: Taxable income is the amount listed on line 43 on the IRS 1040 form, line 27 on the 1040A, or line 6 on the 1040EZ.)

- No Taxable Income
- \$1 - \$17,655
- \$17,656 - \$23,895
- \$23,896 - \$30,135
- \$30,136 - \$36,375
- \$36,376 - \$42,615
- \$42,616 - \$48,855
- \$48,856 - \$55,095
- \$55,096 - \$61,335
- Above \$61,335

Important: A copy of your household's most recent Federal Tax Form (1040, 1040A or 1040 EZ) showing the taxable income line must be submitted with this application. All financial information will be kept confidential; no personal financial information is entered on computer records.

TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

You will need to ask two teachers to complete recommendation forms for you. You will need one recommendation from either a math or science teacher and one from a teacher of your choice. *(See enclosed recommendation forms.)*

ESSAY

Please write a 300 - word statement explaining your interest in Upward Bound, your strengths and weaknesses as a student, and your personal and career goals. Attach it to this application. Typed essays are preferred but hand written essays are acceptable as long as they are legible.

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I authorize the University of Arkansas Upward Bound program to receive copies of my child's transcripts, grade reports, test scores, and other materials necessary for application review and, if accepted, for continued participation.

Student Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent Signature

Date

STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

By signing this document, I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information given is correct. I understand that a misrepresentation of facts on this application will be cause for refusal of admission, cancellation of admission, or suspension from the program. By signing this application, I agree to abide by the policies and regulations of the University of Arkansas Upward Bound program.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Upward Bound Programs
 UPTW 130 University of Arkansas Fayetteville, AR 72701
 479.575.2442 479.575.4279 (fax) ub.uark.edu
Upward Bound is a federally funded program



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENT APPLICANT:

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Check one of the boxes below and sign this form before you give it to the person completing the recommendation. This signature is a requirement of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act.

I waive (give up) any right of access that I might have to this recommendation form.

I do not waive (do not give up) any right of access that I might have to this recommendation form.

Student's Name (please print): Last First M.I.

Student's Signature

Date

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PERSON COMPLETING RECOMMENDATION:

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Please seal the recommendation in an envelope labeled with the student's name and return to the applicant for inclusion with the completed application.

Name of individual completing this recommendation (please print):

School:

Email:

Relation to the applicant: math teacher science teacher English teacher other:

How long have you known this student?

Recommender's Signature

Date

Upward Bound Recommendation Form

Please evaluate the student applicant according to your personal observation using the following scale:

4 = Excellent 3= Good 2 = Fair 1 = Poor 0 = Not applicable/Not observed

	4	3	2	1	0
Academic performance					
Level of preparation for class					
Motivation					
Attitude toward assignments					
Verbal communication skills					
Ability to work with others/Respect for others					
Character					
Consistency					
Maturity					
Leadership skills					
Analytical/Problem solving skills					
Work Ethic					

Why should we consider this student for our program? Mention anything would be helpful in assessing the applicant's qualifications and need for attending the University of Arkansas Upward Bound program (i.e., ability to live away from home for six weeks, need for academic enrichment/challenges, exposure to college and career opportunities, etc.). Please use separate sheet if necessary.



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UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

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Descripción del Programa

¿Qué es el programa Upward Bound de la Universidad de Arkansas?

El programa Upward Bound de la Universidad de Arkansas sirve a estudiantes en grados 9-12 de dos condados en Northwest Arkansas. Upward Bound es un programa pre-universitario basado en la Universidad de Arkansas. El programa es financiado por el Departamento de Educación de los Estados Unidos y ofrece servicios gratuitos a estudiantes que participan en el programa. Nuestra meta es preparar y apoyar a estudiantes con capacidades académicas altas y con potencial a aumentar su conocimiento y habilidades académicas para que puedan desarrollar auto-disciplina y la motivación necesaria para tener éxito en la escuela secundaria y en la universidad. Nuestro propósito es de asistir y motivar estudiantes a que tengan éxito en graduarse de la preparatoria, inscribirse y completar una educación universitaria de su preferencia.

Una vez aceptados en el programa, los participantes de Upward Bound se comprometen desde el noveno grado hasta que se gradúen de la escuela secundaria. Participan por seis semanas en un programa residencial de verano y durante el año académico participan en sesiones un sábado al mes. Upward Bound ofrece instrucción suplementaria y preparación académica en el inglés, las matemáticas, las ciencias y los idiomas. En adición, nuestro programa incluye talleres especiales y cursos de enriquecimiento de varios temas. Al fin de los cuatro años del programa, estudiantes que aplican y son admitidos a la Universidad de Arkansas pueden obtener un estipendio que pagará por seis horas de crédito universitario. Esta parte de Upward Bound se llama “Bridge Program” o “Programa Puente de Verano”. Este elemento especial del programa de verano sirve para crear un puente entre los cursos del programa de Upward Bound y los que se ofrecen en la universidad. Con el propósito de ayudar a los participantes a pasar más fácilmente de la secundaria a la universidad, el programa puente ofrece dos cursos con los que éstos reciben crédito universitario que pueden ser transferidos a cualquiera universidad.

¿Quién es elegible para este programa?

Los estudiantes son seleccionados basado en sus recomendaciones de maestros, su promedio académico, su ensayo, su interés del programa, su entrevista y su elegibilidad federal (estudiantes deben pertenecer a una familia donde los padres o tutores legales no sean graduados de una carrera de colegio de cuatro años y/o que pertenezcan a una familia de escasos recursos económicos). Estudiantes interesados en el programa deben completar una aplicación.

¿Cómo se identifica a un estudiante con potencial de participar en Upward Bound?

Un estudiante exitoso de Upward Bound tiene un deseo fuerte de asistir a la universidad y obtener un título después de graduarse de la escuela secundaria. Estudiantes que participan en Upward Bound son motivados, dedicados y tienen ganas de trabajar duro en todas sus materias.

¿Cuánto cuesta el programa de Upward Bound?

El programa Upward Bound es un programa **GRATIS** para todos los participantes. Upward Bound les ofrece a los estudiantes enriquecimiento académico, tutoría académica, libros, excursiones, consejería académica y de carreras, experiencia académica residencial de verano de 6 semanas, preparación para los exámenes de entrada a la universidad (ACT), visitas y excursiones a universidades, oportunidades de servicio a la comunidad, actividades de enriquecimiento cultural y programa de mentores gratis. Estudiantes que participan completamente en todas las actividades del programa y que mantienen un promedio aceptable son elegibles a recibir un estipendio cada semana durante las seis semanas en el verano y una vez al mes durante el año académico.



Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: Male Female

Emergency Contact: _____ Emergency Number: _____

Ethnic Description: American Indian Asian African American Hispanic/Latino Pacific Islander White Other: _____

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No

If not a U.S. citizen, are you a permanent resident alien? Yes No Alien number: _____

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INFORMACION FINANCIERA

Indique el numero de personas que residen en el hogar (usted incluido): _____

Por favor marque si recibe alguno de los siguientes programas:

AFDC Sostenimiento de niños EBT/WIC Comidas Escolar Gratis Seguro Social/SSI Otro: _____

Por favor marque la cantidad que refleja el ingreso gravable total de la familia (IMPORTANTE: El ingreso gravable es la cantidad el la linea 43 en le formulario IRS 1040, linea 27 en el formulario 1040A, o linea 6 en el formulario 1040 EZ).

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Importante: El programa necesita la copia mas reciente del Formulario 1040, 1040 A or 1040 EZ que demuestra el ingreso gravable total de la familia. Toda la informacion financiera es confidencial. Ninguna informacion financiera personal sera introducida a computadoras.

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AUTORIZACION PARA LA DILVUGACION DE INFORMACION

Autorizo que el programa de Upward Bound en la Universidad de Arkansas pueda obtener copias de reportes de claifcaciones escolares, resultados de pruebas y otros reportes/materiales necesarios para finalizar el proceso de la aplicacion (o para continuar participacion si el estudiante es aceptado en el programa).

Nombre de Estudiante: _____ Nombre de Padre/Guardian: _____

Firma de Padre o Guardian

Fecha

DECLARACION DE ACUERDO

Al firmar este documento, certifico que toda la informacion proveida es correcta. Entiendo que tergiversacion de hechos en esta aplicacion resultara en denegacion de admision, cancelacion de admision, o suspension del programa. Al firmar la aplicacion, estoy de acuerdo con las regulaciones del programa de Upward Bound en la Universidad de Arkansas.

Firma de Estudiante

Fecha

Firma de Padre o Guardian

Fecha