



Dear Teacher,

This student is applying for acceptance into the Upward Bound program sponsored by Anoka-Ramsey Community College. In addition to completing an in-depth application, we request that the student seek three recommendations: one from their School Counselor, one from a core teacher (Math, Science, English or Social Studies) and one from another teacher of their choice. We take this step to ensure that we accept the most qualified and motivated students.

Upward Bound is designed as a year-round, college access program for high school **students who demonstrate the interest and ability to go on to post-secondary education**. The goal of the program is to develop the skills and motivation necessary to succeed in college. We prepare students through weekly tutoring and other academic skill-building sessions, social and cultural activities, college and career exploration, and academic advising. Upward Bound develops the learning potential of high school students **from limited income families and/or families whose parents have not completed a four-year college degree**. The TRIO Upward Bound program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

Anoka-Ramsey Community College's Upward Bound serves students enrolled at Braham, Cambridge-Isanti, Mora, North Branch, Princeton, and St. Francis High Schools. We expect all of our students to go on to a post-secondary institution of their choosing, so as you complete this form, please keep in mind the qualities and characteristics that we are looking for in candidates:

Academic Characteristics:

- Consistent class attendance
- Completes assignments in a timely and high quality manner
- Motivated and has the ability to attend and complete post-secondary education
- Has integrity and honesty in dealing with others

Other Characteristics:

- Dependability/reliability/follow-through
- Honesty and integrity
- Positive attitude
- Motivation to succeed

Please be candid in your answers and speak to whatever qualities you have observed in this individual. If you have questions, please contact Upward Bound at 763-433-1170 ext. 1. We want to choose the students who have both the greatest need and potential for success. Thank you.

**Anoka-Ramsey Community College Upward Bound Staff**

Phone: (763) 433-1170, ext. 1

Email: [UpwardBound\\_CC@anokaramsey.edu](mailto:UpwardBound_CC@anokaramsey.edu)

**Please return this completed form to the counselor or mail to Anoka-Ramsey Community College.**

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## TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

Student's Name: _____	Date: _____
High School: _____	Teacher's Name: _____
Subject Taught: _____	Signature: _____

1. What is the nature of this student's class work and homework assignments?
- |                     |   |   |   |   |   |                     |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---------------------|
| Very poor quality   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Exceptional quality |
| No work turned in   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | All work turned in  |
| Work is always late | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | All work is on time |

2. Please describe student attendance record.

Excellent\_\_\_\_ Good\_\_\_\_ Fair\_\_\_\_ Poor\_\_\_\_

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3. Please describe this student's motivation and commitment to school.

Excellent\_\_\_\_ Good\_\_\_\_ Fair\_\_\_\_ Poor\_\_\_\_

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4. Has the student given you any indication of his/her educational goals and/or career plans?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If yes, what are they?

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5. Please rate the student on the following characteristics:

Maturity	(POOR)	1	2	3	4	5 (EXCELLENT)
Interest in learning		1	2	3	4	5
Oral Expression		1	2	3	4	5
Written Expression		1	2	3	4	5

6. Do you think this student is a good candidate for Upward Bound? (Attach a separate sheet if needed.)

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