



Preparing Students for College Since 1964

Program Eligibility Form

Thank you for your interest in **TRIO Upward Bound**! We are excited to see that you are ready to make a commitment to yourself by continuing your education after high school. Due to the high number of applications we receive each year, we would like to learn a little bit more about you before we begin the application process.

Please fill out this form and return to your counselor or local Upward Bound advisor

Today's Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

Phone Number: _____ School Email: _____

High School Attending: _____

Do either of your parents have a 4 year college degree (Bachelor's degree) from the U. S.?:

Yes _____ No _____ Not Sure _____

Do you qualify for or receive free or reduced lunch?: Yes _____ No _____ Not Sure _____

Are you enrolled in another college readiness program (such as AVID, College Possible, Genesys Works)?:

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, which one: _____

Current Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ out of 4.0 (if you are in 9th grade and do not have a GPA, leave blank)

What is your residential status (circle one): U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident Refugee Other

How did you hear about Upward Bound?:

Please rate your understanding of what it takes to get into college (1 = Nothing; 10 = Expert):

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Please turn over to review our Frequently Asked Questions that you or your guardians may have!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Upward Bound?

Upward Bound is a college readiness program that provides support to its participants, grades 9-12. The program provides opportunities, information, and a social community, all of which support the students' pursuit of continuing education after high school. The goal of the program is to increase the rate at which participants enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education (college).

Where are services provided?

Upward Bound operates after school in a designated space provided by your high school and at Anoka Ramsey Community College's* campus in Coon Rapids.

**Anoka Ramsey Community College is a longstanding partnership housing Upward Bound staff offices and supplies; we do NOT & CANNOT recruit for said college*

How much does the program cost?

This program is completely **free** to program participants!

How can it be free?

Upward Bound is a federally-funded program operating under the Department of Education, designed to increase the amount students who have access to college. **Annually, we invest about \$4,700 per student** covering the cost of transportation, meals and snacks, access to community events, ACT preparation, college application waivers, lodging, and more.

How many students are in TRIO Upward Bound?

Upward Bound serves a total of 130 students who come from 7 different high schools: Park Center, Spring Lake Park, Osseo, Champlin Park, Coon Rapids, Anoka, and Blaine. TRIO programs can be found all across the state and country!

How do I apply?

Turn in this eligibility form to your school counselor or your school's Upward Bound Advisor. This helps us determine if you're eligible to apply, and to move forward with an application! The application includes a student portion and a parent portion including tax information. The Upward Bound Advisor on site may extend an interview to further review application materials and gauge program interest. If accepted, you and a guardian will attend a program intake to finalize remaining paperwork.

Why are parents required to submit financial information? Is this information passed on to other agencies?

Upward Bound is a federally-funded program that requires proof of eligibility, which is the reason that these documents are requested. Personal information to prove eligibility is not forwarded or shared with others, all information is kept confidential.

Does Upward Bound improve a students chances of getting into college?

Absolutely. 80% of our Seniors enroll in college. Upward Bound Staff also provides academic advisement, college & career counseling, study skills, and overall guidance while helping the student navigate their educational journey.

How long will I be in Upward Bound?.....

Upward Bound is a commitment. All of our students who join the Upward Bound community stay with us from the time they apply until they graduate. By committing to our programing, you are committing to your college education!

What does Upward Bound do other than afterschool tutoring?

Upward Bound consists of 3 components: Afterschool Study Sessions, Saturday Sessions, and Summer Programing. Throughout the program students have the opportunity to attend college visits, volunteer locally, learn about careers from relevant fields, learn about college entrance exams (i.e. ACT, ACCUPLACER), how to apply for financial aid and scholarships, and much more!

Upward Bound Advisors

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