

IS UPWARD BOUND SUCCESSFUL?

YES! 95% of the Upward Bound graduates have entered post-secondary education. TRIO program research shows that Upward Bound students are four times more likely to earn a college degree than students from similar backgrounds who do not participate in the program.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.



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The function of education is to teach one to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.

~ Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

WHAT IS UPWARD BOUND?

Upward Bound is a federally funded program for college bound high school students.

The program's objective is to develop academic, intellectual and social skills needed for entrance to and graduation from college.



WHAT IS THE GOAL OF UPWARD BOUND?

The goal of Upward Bound is to improve the academic performance, motivation levels, and self-confidence of the participating students so that they reach their ultimate goal of achieving a college degree.

WHO QUALIFIES?

Students who are Bridgeport, Connecticut residents and attend Bassick, Central, Harding, or Fairchild Wheeler high schools qualify for the program. Applicants must be in 9th or 10th grade and be low income and potential first-generation college students.

Selection is based on information obtained from a completed application, family income, review of school records, guidance counselors, and teacher recommendations, as well as a personal interview with each student and parent.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF PARTICIPANTS?

Students in the Upward Bound program are expected to maintain a good attendance record, participate in planned activities, maintain a high grade point average in their high schools, and work to the best of their abilities.

WHAT EDUCATIONAL SERVICES ARE OFFERED?

The Upward Bound program provides academic instruction in math, laboratory sciences, composition, literature, foreign languages, history and computer skills to help students successfully complete their high school classes and prepare for postsecondary education.

OTHER SERVICES:

- SAT preparation
- Smarter balanced preparation
- Tutoring
- Cultural enrichment
- College application assistance
- Study skills
- College tours
- Career day
- Guest speakers
- Academic counseling
- Financial Aid workshops

WHAT IS THE COST OF THE PROGRAM?

The program is provided at no cost to the students and their families.

PROGRAM YEAR

The academic year component emphasizes academic achievement and goal setting.

It includes:

- Academic instruction/ tutoring and enrichment classes at Fairfield University two-three Saturdays per month (October-May)
- Regular visits with Upward Bound staff members at the student's high school
- College tours and related extra-curricular activities



The six-week summer component is an integral part of the Upward Bound college experience. Participants commute to and from Fairfield University's campus for two weeks and reside on campus (Sunday - Friday) for four weeks. It includes:

- Academic instruction, enrichment, and group projects
- A variety of field trips, college tours and extra-curricular activities
- Continued development of their academic, personal and leadership skills