

# *Upward Bound (UB)*

## University of Wisconsin – Whitewater

### FACT SHEET

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#### *Who is eligible for the Upward Bound Program?*

Any U.S. citizen or permanent resident that is either currently enrolled at one of the target schools that is interested in pursuing higher education through a technical or four-year college degree. Participants must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better. Applicants that are first generation or low income and are in 9<sup>th</sup> grade will receive priority placement.

#### *Who pays for the activities provided by the Upward Bound Program?*

Upward Bound is funded by a grant through the US Department of Education. This grant follows the legislation provided by the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (Title IV). Its success helped support the creation of Educational Opportunity Centers, Veterans Upward Bound, and Upward Bound Math/Science in 1972; the Training Program in 1976; the Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program in 1986, and the TRIO Dissemination Project in 1998. All of these programs make up what we call “TRiO” programs. This legislation defines participant eligibility, funding levels, documentation rules, and uses for the monies provided. The Higher Education Act is renewed approximately every six years; therefore, funding levels and other issues can be reflected by the current administration.

#### *What can I expect from the Upward Bound Program?*

You can expect that a highly qualified professional will assist you with your academic and career goals. Our staff members have extensive backgrounds and training in educational and social issues that impact the success of students. We use this knowledge to provide creative programming, intrusive advising, and innovative experiences that will prepare you for higher education. We will be there to assist you in your current academic endeavors as well as preparing you for the future by assisting with college applications and navigating the financial aid process. If we have “insider information” we will give it to you, if you need deadline dates, we will get them for you, and if you need a sounding board to explore your options, we will be there for you.

#### *What does Upward Bound Program expect from me?*

Should you choose to apply for the program, we expect that means you have a strong desire to enter post secondary education and you will commit to this purpose. We ask that you complete all paper work needed in a timely manner as that assists us in maximizing dollars for your experience. We ask that you participate in Saturday Colleges, after school study centers, a six-week summer residential camp, and other activities provided by the program. We will come visit you in the schools, so we hope you come filled with questions and updates about your education. Finally, we ask that you involve your family in your success whenever possible; building a wide and strong educational support system will be the key to your success.



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## **Definitions of the Terms We Use:**

### *Permanent Resident*

A non-U.S. citizen who has been given permission to make his or her permanent home in the United States, Guam, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Micronesia or Marshal Islands. The terms permanent resident and "green card holder" mean exactly the same thing.

### *Low-Income Individual*

An individual from a family whose taxable income for the preceding year did not exceed 150% of an amount equal to the poverty level determined by using criteria of poverty established by the Bureau of the Census. The Federal Low-Income Levels are updated each year: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/index.html#references>

### *First Generation College Student (or Potential First-Generation College Student)*

An individual both of whose parents did not complete a baccalaureate degree. Or, in the case of any individual who regularly resided with and received support from only one parent, an individual whose only such parent did not complete a baccalaureate degree.

### *Legislation*

The legislation referred to as part of the Higher Education Act, as amended, authorizing Upward Bound can be found at the following web address: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/triotalent/legislation.html>

### *Target Schools*

A target school is a high school identified in writing through the grant application to the US Department of Education by UW-Whitewater Pre-College Programs. These schools were selected based on identified needs such as high school graduation and college attendance rates. Currently, Upward Bound has identified two schools in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and three schools in Racine, Wisconsin, as target schools.

### *College Ready*

A college ready participant is someone who is either: a high school senior; enrolled in an alternative education program whose academic level is equivalent to a high school senior; a high school graduate; or has obtained a high school equivalency certificate.

## **Accountability – What You and the US Department of Education Will See:**

### *School Promotion*

Non-senior secondary participants will be promoted to the next grade level at the end of the academic school year.

### *Secondary School Graduation*

High school seniors (or their equivalents) will graduate or receive a certificate of equivalency each year.

### *Student Financial Aid*

“College ready” participants will apply for financial aid each year.

### *Postsecondary Education Application for Admission*

“College ready” participants will apply to postsecondary school each year.

### *Postsecondary Enrollment*

“College ready” participants will enroll in a program of postsecondary school education each year.