



High School: _____

TRIO Upward Bound - Expression of Interest Form

Check out our "Frequently Asked Questions" on the backside of this page!

Thank you for your interest in our Upward Bound program! We are excited to see your commitment to continue your education after high school. Due to the high number of applications we receive every year, we would like to learn a bit more about you before we begin the application process.

*** Please fill out this form and return it to the Upward Bound Advisor at your high school. ***

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Today's Date: ___ / ___ / ___ **Phone Number:** (___) ___ - ___ **Student I.D. #:** _____

What grade are you currently in?

9th 10th 11th 12th

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

Yes No *I'm not sure...*

Do you qualify for or receive Free or Reduced Lunch?

Yes No

Are you enrolled in another college readiness program? (e.g. College Possible, AVID, etc.)

Yes No

What is your current GPA?

_____ out of 4.0

Rate your understanding of what it takes to get into college. (1 = I know nothing... 10 = I'm an expert...)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

What is your residential status?

U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident Refugee Other

How did you hear about Upward Bound?

TRIO Upward Bound - Frequently Asked Questions

What is Upward Bound?

TRIO Upward Bound is a college readiness program that provides academic and personal support to first generation and/or modest income students in grades 9-12. The program provides opportunities, information, and a social community, all of which support students in their pursuit of continuing their education after high school. Upward Bound's primary goal is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in postsecondary education.

How much does the program cost?

TRIO Upward Bound is funded by the Federal Department of Education; because of this, our program is completely free to students and their families.

How many students participate in TRIO Upward Bound?

Across the nation, there are over 966 Upward Bound programs, serving a total of 70,744 high school students! Our UNT Dallas Upward Bound program serves 120 students from the following high schools: Sunset, Lincoln, Lancaster, Seagoville, Kathlyn Gilliam, and South Oak Cliff. (Data: <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/trioupbound/funding.html>)

How do I apply?

Complete this form and return it electronically. The information provided on the form helps us decide if Upward Bound is a good fit for you. If you are eligible to apply, you will be given an Upward Bound application. The application requires information about you, your parents (tax and income), and teacher and counselor recommendations.

Upon receiving all of these materials (as well as your high school transcript), the Upward Bound Team will then be able to determine whether or not to accept you into the program.

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* from its applicants. Personal information such as SSN and tax information will NOT be forwarded or shared with others. All information is completely **confidential**.

Does Upward Bound improve a student's ability to get into college?

Absolutely! Much of our students' success comes from their personal determination to work hard and also from their commitment to fully utilize the resources Upward Bound provides. These opportunities include academic advising, study tips, college/career counseling, personal mentoring, peer support, college tours, and travel experience.

How long will I be in Upward Bound?

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

What does Upward Bound do in addition to afterschool tutoring?

Upward Bound consists of two components: Two Saturday sessions EVERY month, and a six-week summer program. Throughout the Upward Bound program, students have the opportunity to learn about the ins and outs of college—including how to prepare and apply. They will also attend campus visits, listen to career speakers from relevant fields, learn about college entrance exams (ACT, SAT, ACCUPLACER), how to apply for financial aid/scholarships, and much more!

Additional questions? Contact our TRIO Upward Bound staff!

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