Wayne State University Upward Bound Program

Upward Bound is a federally funded TRIO program hosted by Wayne State University with a goal to prepare students for high school graduation and enrollment into Post-Secondary education, which will lead to college completion. The Wayne State University Upward Bound Program is a tutorial and counseling program for high school students who would like to go to college, but may have difficulty attending due to lack of financial aid knowledge and academic need or inadequate high school preparation. The Wayne State University Upward Bound Program exposes Detroit students to a variety of colleges and universities throughout the country. TRIO Upward Bound helps students develop the necessary skills needed to secure a brighter future through education, and provides a wide range of academic support services for high school students in the Detroit area. The program has two components: a six-week summer instructional/residential phase and an eight-month academic year, after-school tutorial and counseling phase.

Academic Year Phase — Campus & Satellite Study Centers

- Campus & Satellite Study Centers: Wayne State University, Martin Luther King Jr. Senior High School and East English Village Preparatory Academy Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm. Saturday sessions occur only on Wayne State University campus from 9:00 am-1:15 pm.
- Students are tutored in the academic subjects of Math, English, Science and Foreign Language.
- Students may attend the Study Center sessions, on or off campus, during the week for two hours per day every Tuesday and Thursday and/or Saturday sessions for four hours, for a minimum requirement of 4-8 hours per week.
- Study centers are supervised by a Coordinator, staffed with Counselors and Tutors and monitored by TRIO Upward Bound administration.

Six-Week Summer Instructional/Residential Phase

- The Summer Program is on the campus of Wayne State University, utilizing campus laboratories, classrooms, dining and recreational facilities.
- Students live on campus five days per week (Sunday evening through Friday afternoon).
- Participants attend scheduled academic, social, cultural and recreational activities.
- Students benefit from end of summer college tours, visiting various colleges and universities as well as educational sites and attractions.
- Students receive intensive instruction in pre-college academic courses, ACT/SAT Test Prep, electives, and workshops taught by certified DPSCD teachers and/or college instructors.
- Students are eligible for 200 hours (10 credits) Out-Of-Class Learning Experience (OCLE) upon successful completion of the Summer Program.

Both components require mandatory participation each year of enrollment in the TRIO Upward Bound Program.

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What About Parents?

Parents and guardians are very important to the Upward Bound administration. We encourage parents to join Parent’s Upward Bound (PUB) in order to:

- Cooperate with TRIO Upward Bound staff to reinforce program guidelines for students.
- Attend academic and financial aid workshops.
- Support and encourage participation in both Academic and Summer phases.
- Serve as chaperones for cultural activities and field trips.
- Provide a conducive and productive learning environment.

Why is Upward Bound Important?

- Upward Bound assists students who may lack motivation or the ability to deal with a distracting environment.
- Upward Bound provides services to low-income and first-generation students that may not have the opportunity for a college education.
- Upward Bound assists students who may be unsure of themselves and need guidance in identifying their goals.
- Upward Bound assists students that may lack the motivation and desire that is necessary to become a successful college graduate.
- Upward Bound requires mandatory participation in both Academic and Summer phases to ensure academic growth and pre-college preparation.

Eligibility Requirements - Students are eligible if:

- You are currently in the 9th, 10th or 11th grade; Rising 9th (8th) graders may also apply.
- Your parents did not graduate from a four-year college or university, and/or,
- Your parents' taxable income, for the prior year, is within federal guidelines.
- You plan to attend college immediately following high school completion.
- You attend a Detroit Public Community District High School.
- You can participate fully in both the Academic and Summer phases of the program.