Academic Achievement Programs

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Website: http://www.uakron.edu/aap/ub/

How Do I Apply?

- Contact your high school counselor for an application
- Call the Upward Bound Classic office to request an application by mail; or
- Come to the Upward Bound Classic office at The University of Akron in Ayer Hall Room 320 to pick up an application.

Applications must be submitted with:

- Copy of High School Transcript
- Three (3) Recommendations—2 Teachers and 1 Counselor
- Completed Income Verification (for tax year prior to submitting Upward Bound application)

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What is Upward Bound?

Upward Bound Classic (UBC) is a federally funded TRiO program which prepares 9th –12th grade students in targeted Akron Public Schools or the Akron area for post-secondary education.

Upward Bound is designed to provide academic, cultural, and social experiences for its students, enabling them to develop the skills, attitudes, and motivation necessary to enter and succeed in college.

Upward Bound provides intensive academic support services for income-eligible students to enhance the pursuit and achievement of a post-secondary education. It provides academic enrichment in English, Mathematics, Foreign Language, and Laboratory Sciences. The program serves 107 students from Akron Public High Schools. Upward Bound is supported through the U.S. Department of Education and The University of Akron.

Eligibility

Upward Bound students must meet federal income guidelines and “first generation” status. Participants will be the first in their immediate family to acquire a baccalaureate degree. Students can apply to the program at the end of eighth grade or anytime prior to completing the second semester of the junior year of high school.

Students accepted into the program are required to maintain a 2.5 grade point average, follow strict college preparatory curriculum, conduct themselves appropriately at all times and demonstrate the intent to enroll in college immediately following high school graduation.

Students are selected based on the above requirements, application materials, and a student/parent interview.

What Services Are Provided?

- Academic year homework help and tutoring in English/Language Arts, Math, and Science
- Academic, Career, and Personal Advising
- OGT Prep/Review
- ACT/SAT Prep
- ACT/SAT Fee Waivers
- Financial Literacy
- Cultural Activities
- College tours, Planning and Placement Assistance
- Six Week Summer Enrichment Program—Residential and Non-Residential
- Speakers, and Community Service experiences
- Leadership Opportunities and Student Conferences

Akron Schools Served

- Butchel
- Kenmore
- Firestone
- Hoban
- East
- North
- AECHS
- Garfield
- Ellet
- STEM H.S.
- St. V/St. M
- Lady of the Elms