**How Do I Apply?**

- Contact your APS 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)

**Choose a bright future today!**
What is Upward Bound?

Upward Bound Classic (UBC) is a federally funded TRIO program that prepares 9th-12th grade students for post-secondary education. UBC students are selected from the targeted Akron area or attend Akron Public Schools.

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.

UBC 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 Sciences. The program serves 110 students from Akron Public High Schools. Upward Bound is supported through the U.S. Department of Education and The University of Akron.

What Services are Provided?

- Academic year homework assistance and tutoring in English/Language Arts, Math, and Science
- Academic, career, and personal advising
- ACT/SAT Prep and Fee Waivers
- Financial Literacy
- Cultural Activities
- College Tours, Planning, and Placement Assistance
- Six Week Summer Residential Academic Enrichment Program
- Speakers and Community Service experiences

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, applications materials, and a student/parent interview.

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The amount of federal funds awarded in the five year grant period (2017-2022) is approximately $2,539,915.00.