



# Academic Achievement Programs

## Upward Bound Classic

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### **PURPOSE: WHAT IS UPWARD BOUND?**

Upward Bound provides intensive academic support services for income-eligible students to enhance the pursuit and achievement of a post-secondary education. 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.

### **ELIGIBILITY: HOW DO I ENROLL IN THE PROGRAM?**

Upward Bound students must meet federal income guidelines and must be first generation college students. 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 and any time prior to completing their sophomore year of high school. Students accepted into the program are required to reach and maintain a 2.5 grade point average, follow a strict college preparatory curriculum and demonstrate the desire to attend college. Students are selected based on the above requirements, application materials, teacher/counselor recommendation forms, and a student-parent interview.

### **SERVICES: WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM OFFER?**

Upward Bound offers a variety of year-round academic, cultural, and supportive services to help each student achieve their goals:

- After school tutoring and homework assistance
- College Tours and Campus Visitation Days
- Academic and College Preparatory Workshops
- Skill Enrichment Workshops
- Student Computer Lab and Test Preparation Software
- ACT and SAT fee waivers
- Academic and Career Assessments
- Summer Residential Academic Enrichment Program
- Cultural Outings, Speakers, and Community Service Opportunities
- Leadership Opportunities, Internships and Student Conferences

**For an application, call the Upward Bound Office or visit your school counselor.** *Choose a bright future today!*

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