**What is the University of Cincinnati Upward Bound Program?**

**Upward Bound** is a pre-college program administered by the U.S. Department of Education and the University of Cincinnati. It is designed to motivate and provide academic skills for eligible students interested in education beyond high school.

**What does Upward Bound offer?**

**Summer Program for Grades 9 through 12**

Each Upward Bound student spends six weeks of the summer at the University of Cincinnati, living in the college dormitories with other Upward Bound students. They attend academic classes and personal development activities aimed at equipping them with the skills necessary to succeed in college. Courses are taught by skilled instructors whose primary concern is the student. Students receive guidance, tutoring, room and board, recreation, and travel. A Summer Food Program is also available to all students regardless of race, national origin, sex, or disability.

**Academic Year Program for Grades 9 through 12**

The Academic Year Program which convenes from October to May is the second phase of Upward Bound. During this period students come to the University of Cincinnati campus for tutoring and academic counseling. Tutoring sessions are conducted by U.C. juniors, seniors, and graduate students. Students also attend classes on Saturday mornings, receiving instruction in reading, mathematics, science, and writing proficiency. Personal, career, and academic counseling are also provided.

**Summer Bridge Program for High School Graduates**

Upward Bound high school graduates (Bridge students) are eligible to take courses free of charge at the University of Cincinnati. They may register for one or two college courses and live in one of the dormitories. Bridge students receive tuition, room and board, books, academic guidance, recreation, cultural exposure, and travel free of charge.

**Work Program**

During the Upward Bound summer program, eligible students participate in work/study programs sponsored by the City of Cincinnati and Univ. of Cincinnati. The Upward Bound Program places students at various job sites throughout the campus and nearby community.

**Upward Bound Eligibility Requirements**

1) The applicant must be an excellent school citizen with a good attendance record.

2) To receive consideration, the applicant must be enrolled or scheduled to enroll in the 9th–11th grades at the following high schools:

   - Aiken
   - Hughes
   - Mt. Healthy
   - North College Hill
   - Princeton
   - Western Hills
   - Withrow
   - Woodward
   - Taft
   - Shroder

3) The applicant must meet federal “Low Income” guidelines or be a first generation college-bound student. (Parent(s) living in household must have less than a Bachelor’s Degree).

**How to Apply**

Secure an application form from the school counselor, the Upward Bound office located on the University of Cincinnati’s main campus, or the Upward Bound website (www.uc.edu/upwardbound).

Submit the completed application forms and all necessary documents (proof of income, report card, medical evaluation, etc.) to the Upward Bound office. **Failure to provide complete information will delay processing of the application.**

All applicants will receive a response by mail or telephone. Those who meet the program requirements will be invited to the office for a meeting in October or March.