

University of South Carolina  
**TRIO Programs**

# Upward Bound

**STUDENT APPLICATION**



**South Carolina**

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## Get Ready to Succeed

Attending college is your dream. Now learn the skills you need to get there. Join Upward Bound's community of more than 100 working-class, college-bound students from Richland County. You'll receive academic support to choose and perform well in the right classes and guidance to complete college applications and financial aid forms.

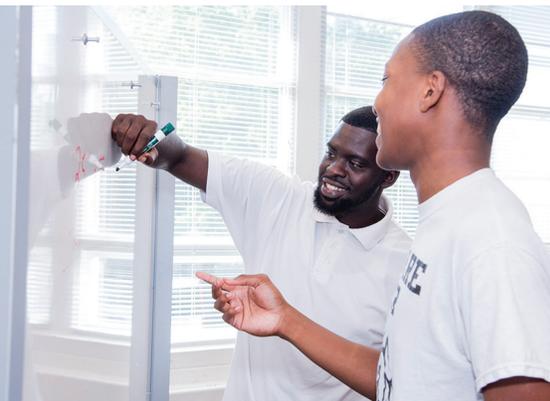
## In the School Year

Get help with your high school classes from our counselors or college tutors. Boost your writing and analytical skills with our workshops so you can perform better in the classroom. Upward Bound meets three Saturdays per month during the school year for classes, cultural activities and college tours. You'll learn how to prepare for the SAT or ACT and develop your leadership skills. Counselors will also help you navigate the college admissions process and financial aid forms.



## During the Summer

Take a sneak peek at your life as a college student with Upward Bound's six-week summer residential program. You'll live on campus at the University of South Carolina and attend a special University 101 class to help you prepare for your college career. You'll also participate in academic enrichment and cultural enrichment classes on topics such as theatre, music, fine arts and web design. Plus, you'll explore career options through work-study activities.



## Contact Us

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University of South Carolina  
1338 Pickens St.  
Columbia, SC 29201  
803-777-5127

# Application Checklist

## University of South Carolina Upward Bound

Please be sure you have completed all requirements for each section of the application.

Failure to complete and properly sign the application may result in it not being processed and possibly delaying consideration of your application for selection into the program.

- Section 1:** General Information
- Section 2:** Program Eligibility Information  
(Include a copy of completed forms: 1040, 1040A, SC Tax Form or Taxable Income)
- Section 3:** Student Educational Information
- Section 4:** Writing Sample
- Section 5:** Release of Grades Form
- Section 6:** Parental Agreement Form
- Section 7:** High School Counselor Recommendation Form
- Section 8:** High School Teacher Recommendation Form

## Before you apply

This application is for participation in the Upward Bound Program at the University of South Carolina. To complete your application, you must provide the following:

- background information about you
- information about your family's financial status
- a high school teacher recommendation
- a school guidance counselor recommendation
- an essay about how the Upward Bound Program can help you meet your educational goals.

Please review the application carefully and complete all information to ensure that your application receives full consideration for selection.

## Complete your application

**All applications must be returned to the Upward Bound Program office either by mail, fax or email.**

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Student Application

**Please be as thorough as possible to help us make the best possible decision about your application.**

## Section 1: General Information

### Name

First \_\_\_\_\_

Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Last \_\_\_\_\_

### Address

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

### School

High school \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade \_\_\_\_\_

### Personal

Gender:  Male  Female

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in the Educational Talent Search program?  Yes  No

Ethnic/racial background (check one):

American Indian

Asian/Pacific Islander

Black/African-American

Hispanic

Caucasian

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship (check one)

U.S. Citizen

Territory

Permanent Visa

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Info

Mobile phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 2: Program Eligibility Information

Did your father graduate from a four-year college?  Yes  No

Did your mother graduate from a four-year college?  Yes  No

Is your father/male guardian employed?  Yes  No

Living in the home?  Yes  No

Please complete the following information for the parent(s)/guardian(s) living in the home with you:

**Father or male guardian name** \_\_\_\_\_

Employer name \_\_\_\_\_

Employer address \_\_\_\_\_

Employer phone number \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother or female guardian name** \_\_\_\_\_

Employer name \_\_\_\_\_

Employer address \_\_\_\_\_

Employer phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Did your parent(s) or guardian(s) file taxes for the previous year?  Yes  No

**If yes**, please attach a signed copy of your federal income tax return

**If no**, please identify and list amounts for any additional income received in the household each month:

Wages/salaries \_\_\_\_\_ Public assistance \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security \_\_\_\_\_ Veteran's benefits \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names of all your siblings younger than 18 who live in the home with you:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  Brother  Sister

Please list the names of all your siblings who attend college:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_  Brother  Sister

# Section 3: Student Educational Information

My grades are usually: (check one)  A's  B's  C's  D's  F's

After you graduate from high school, what type of school do you plan to attend?

4-year college  2-year college  Vocational/technical

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

List the clubs and activities you participate in at school:

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List any offices you hold in your clubs or extracurricular activities:

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List any honors you have received:

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Rate yourself on each of the following traits as compared with other people your age. We want an accurate estimate of how you see yourself. (Mark one in each row.)

	Top 10%	Above average	Average	Below average	Bottom 10%
Mathematical ability	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Writing ability	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Verbal ability	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Scientific ability	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Competitiveness	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Leadership ability	<input type="checkbox"/>				

By signing below, I acknowledge and agree that all information in Sections 1 through 3 are accurate to the best of my knowledge at the time of completing this application. I also acknowledge that the misrepresentation of any requested information may result in my dismissal or disqualification from participation in the Upward Bound Program.

Parent/Guardian's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





# Section 5: Release of Grades

Sections 5 and 6 must be completed by the parent or guardian of the student who wishes to participate in the program. If you have any questions, please contact the Upward Bound office at 803-777-3122.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security number: \_\_\_\_\_

High school \_\_\_\_\_ Current grade: \_\_\_\_\_

I (parent/guardian) \_\_\_\_\_, hereby grant permission  
to (student) \_\_\_\_\_

to participate in the Upward Bound Program at the University of South Carolina. I declare that I support the goals of Upward Bound and will my encourage my child to make a sincere effort to support the program. Also, I authorize the school counselors, school district office, middle school and high school officials, institutions, and/or agencies to release any record information to include transcripts and report cards, Power School information and access, EXPLORE, PLAN, ACT, SAT, PSAT, PASS, Individual Graduation Plans (IGP's), academic, financial, demographic data and any other relevant information on my child's behalf to the UB staff with the understanding that this information will be used only in regard to UB services and is protected by the Privacy Act (FERPA), which guide all federally funded programs.

In signing this release, I acknowledge on behalf of myself and my child that (1) I have read this document in its entirety, understand it, and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; (2) no oral representations, statements, or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made; (3) I am at least 18 years of age and fully competent; (4) I am the legal parent or guardian of my child and have the authority to sign on his/her behalf; and (5) I execute this document for full, adequate, and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by the terms set forth herein.

Parent/Guardian's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Section 6: Parental Agreement and Program Involvement

Sections 5 and 6 must be completed by the parent or guardian of the student who wishes to participate in the program. If you have any questions, please contact the Upward Bound office at 803-777-3122.

The following policies and procedures provide the basis for programming and structure for the University of South Carolina Upward Bound Program. Please read carefully and contact the Upward Bound Office should you have any questions. Further details on each item will be provided upon your acceptance into the program.

- Each parent is asked to participate in at least three enrichment activities/workshops during the academic year. A schedule of parent workshops and activities will be provided at the start of each academic phase.
- Each student is expected to bring books and other supplemental materials (paper, pens, homework, etc.) during the academic and summer components.
- Each student who earns below a B average in a subject is required to stay for an additional hour of tutoring during specified tutorial sessions. Students must continue to attend these sessions until the next report card is received by Upward Bound, and the program has verified that the student has earned a “B” or better in that subject.
- Each student is required to participate in at least one community service activity during the academic year.
- Each student is required to attend at least one cultural activity during the academic year.
- Each student must attend at least one summer residential phase during his/her time in the Upward Bound program.
- All senior students are required to complete at least five (5) college applications. The counselor will provide fee waivers only for completed college applications. A copy of all college applications and acceptances must be submitted to the Upward Bound office.
- Each senior must attend a financial aid workshop. It is important that parents and students attend the workshop together in order to plan effectively for financing of the student’s education.
- The Upward Bound Parents’ Association sponsors scholarships for graduating seniors. Only those students and parents who are actively involved with the program will be eligible to receive scholarship funds.
- Student participation in Upward Bound is completely voluntary. The Upward Bound staff is not liable for any actions that occur during arrival or departure from the program site during Saturday programming. Upward Bound also does not assume responsibility for students who leave early and/or with another party outside of their immediate family, before, during, or after Upward Bound programming sessions.

**My signature below acknowledges my willingness to support the above stated requirements for participation and involvement in the University of South Carolina Upward Bound Program.**

Parent/Guardian’s signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student’s signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Section 7: High School Counselor Recommendation

Please complete the following information and return it along with the teacher recommendation form to:  
Upward Bound Program, University of South Carolina TRIO Programs, 1400 Wheat St., Columbia, SC 29208.  
Fax: 803-777-6395 or Email: DNettles@mailbox.sc.edu.

Note: A student's application will not be processed until all information is received. Contact the Upward Bound office at 803-777-3122 if you have any questions.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security number: \_\_\_\_\_

High school \_\_\_\_\_ Current grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor name: \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. Standardized test scores

Exit Exam: \_\_\_\_\_ BSAP: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Which best describes the student's current or last academic program?

College Preparatory    Vocational    Tech    Remedial

## 3. Please identify the student's major needs for academic/social enrichment.

Communication Skills    Math    Natural Science    Social Sciences    Study Skills

Cultural Enrichment    Self-image    Group Relations    Writing Ability    Test-Taking

Specify any other needs \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. In your opinion, does this student have academic potential for post-secondary education?  Yes    No

5. How does the student respond to discipline? Does the student have a record of behavioral problems?

Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Do you recommend this student to participate in Upward Bound?  Yes    No

7. Counselor's supportive statement (Please provide any information, if any, regarding student's behavior inside the classroom): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

8. Please attach a copy of the student's transcript with various test scores.

**Section 7: High School Counselor Recommendation (continued)**

Counselor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Section 8: High School Teacher Recommendation

TO THE TEACHER: Upward Bound provides academic support services and cultural enrichment to help students successfully enter and complete a four-year post-secondary institution. Please complete the following form and return to your school's guidance department OR to Upward Bound Program, University of South Carolina TRIO Programs, 1400 Wheat St., Columbia, SC 29208. Fax: 803-777-6395 or Email: DNettles@mailbox.sc.edu. Contact the Upward Bound Office at 803-777-3122.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher name: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you known this student and in what capacity?

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2. Check the degree to which the following statements apply to the applicant.

(5 = Strongly Agree    4 = Agree    3 = Sometimes    2 = Disagree    1 = Strongly Disagree)

	5	4	3	2	1
Student is involved and prepared for class.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Student has a positive attitude about the learning process.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Student consistently does class assignments.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Student is open to constructive criticism.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Student does more work than is required.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Student serves as a class leader.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Student responds to disciplinary action well.	<input type="checkbox"/>				

3. To what extent do you believe the applicant could benefit from this program?

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4. Other statements you wish to make on behalf of this applicant:

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5. Does the student have a history of behavioral or discipline problems? Please explain:

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Teacher's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# For Upward Bound Office Use Only

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female  
School: \_\_\_\_\_

## Eligibility status:

Eligible  Ineligible  Accepted  Alternate  PFG/LI  LIO  PFGO  NFAS

Date enrolled: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Date dropped: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Academic need: (please circle only one)

- 01 = Low high school grade point average
- 02 = Low achievement test scores
- 03 = Low educational aspirations
- 04 = Low high school grade point average and low educational aspirations
- 05 = Low high school grade point average and low achievement test scores
- 06 = Low achievement test scores and low educational aspirations
- 07 = Lack of opportunity, support, and/or guidance to take challenging college preparation courses
- 08 = Lack of career goals and/or need for accurate information on careers
- 09 = Limited proficiency in English
- 10 = Lack of confidence, self-esteem, and/or social skills
- 11 = Predominantly low-income community
- 12 = Rural isolation
- 13 = Interest in careers in math and science
- 14 = Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

## Test Scores

PSAT score: \_\_\_\_\_ Test date: \_\_\_\_\_  
ACT's plan score: \_\_\_\_\_ Test date: \_\_\_\_\_  
SAT score: Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Test date: \_\_\_\_\_  
ACT composite score: \_\_\_\_\_ Test date: \_\_\_\_\_

## GPA

High school cumulative grade point average scale  
Check one:  4 Point Scale  5 Point Scale  other \_\_\_\_\_

High school cumulative grade point average (at first entry into project) \_\_\_\_\_  
High school cumulative grade point average scale (at end of reporting period) \_\_\_\_\_  
High school cumulative grade point average (at beginning of reporting period) \_\_\_\_\_  
High school cumulative grade point average (at end of reporting period) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Raise your academic profile

Become a more confident and successful student through Upward Bound's programs and services

- Writing and analytical skills workshops
- Goal setting and study skills
- Academic tutoring
- Academic assistance
- Leadership training
- Etiquette education
- Student internships

## And get ready for your college future

Tackle every step of the college selection and admissions process with support from your Upward Bound advisors and counselors

- College tours
- SAT/ACT prep courses
- SAT/ACT fee waivers
- College application fee waivers
- Financial aid workshops
- College admissions guidance

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# 100%

of program participants receive financial aid and scholarships

# 100+

students served by Upward Bound each year

# 90%

of program participants enroll in post-secondary education.

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