

# WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

## TRIO Upward Bound Program

### Application Checklist

Thank you for your interest in the TRIO Upward Bound program at West Virginia University!

Upward Bound is a federally funded educational opportunity program for high school students who want to attend college. The Upward Bound program at WVU partners with Preston High School to help strengthen students' academic skills, connect them with resources, and guide them toward successfully earning a college degree.

**Please use the checklist below to make sure you have completed all parts of your application. Applications will not be reviewed until all parts are turned in to your school counselor or submitted to the Upward Bound office.**

#### Checklist

☐ Pages 1-7 of this application

☐ School counselor assessment (page 8)

☐ Your current grades, transcript, and most recent state test scores (this should be provided by your school counselor)

☐ Math teacher assessment (pages 9-10)

☐ English teacher assessment (pages 11-12)

You may also choose to submit the optional assessment (page 13), but it is not required.

## TRIO UPWARD BOUND APPLICATION

### Instructions:

Please complete all sections of this application and return to your school counselor, mail to the address listed, or contact our office to receive a secure upload link. Contact our office with any questions you may have.

West Virginia University Upward Bound  
P.O. Box 6891  
Morgantown, WV 26506 - 6891  
(304) - 293 – 6199  
UpwardBound@mail.wvu.edu

### Applicant Information

<b>Student's First Name:</b>		<b>Middle Name:</b>		<b>Last Name:</b>	
<b>Date of Birth:</b>		<b>Citizenship:</b> United States Citizen Permanent Resident Other		<b>Gender:</b>	
<b>Current School:</b>	<b>Current Grade Level:</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup>		<b>If in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, what high school will you attend in 9<sup>th</sup> grade?</b> Preston High School Other		
<b>Mailing Address:</b> Number, Street, Apt. # if applicable					
<b>City:</b>			<b>State:</b>		<b>Zip:</b>
<b>Home Phone Number:</b>		<b>Cell Phone Number:</b>		<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Ethnicity:</b> Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino					
<b>Race:</b> Mark as many as applicable American Indian/Alaska Native Asian Black or African American White Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander					
<b>Is English your native language?</b> Yes No			<b>Are you proficient in speaking, reading, writing, and understanding English?</b> Yes No		
<b>Have you previously participated, or are currently participating, in any of the following programs?</b> Check all that apply. Upward Bound Upward Bound Math Science Veterans Upward Bound Educational Talent Search GEAR UP Educational Opportunity Center Another federally funded college access program HSTA Other					
<b>Are you involved in the juvenile justice system?</b> Yes No			<b>Are you in foster care, an orphan, or a ward of the court?</b> Yes No		
<b>What do you plan to do immediately after graduating from high school?</b> 4-Year College 2-Year College Technical School Work Military Undecided					

## Living Situation and Parent Information

### Living Situation:

Describe your custody arrangement and living situation below:

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Do you live in any of the following situations? Please check all that apply.

Shared housing with other people (including relatives or friends) due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason

In a motel, hotel, shelter, vehicle, or campsite

In a public place, park, abandoned building, bus/train station, or similar settings

Apart from your parent(s)/guardian(s)

### Parent Information:

Complete the following information for your biological parents and other parents if applicable (stepparents, adoptive parents, etc.). You can leave Parent #3 & #4 blank if not applicable.

BIOLOGICAL PARENT #1				
<b>Parent's First Name:</b>		<b>Parent's Middle Name:</b>		<b>Parent's Last Name:</b>
<b>Mailing Address:</b> Number, Street, Apt. # if applicable			<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>	<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Employment Status:</b> Employed      Self-employed      Unemployed      Disabled      Retired      Deceased				
<b>Employer (if employed):</b>		<b>Job Title/Occupation (if employed):</b>		
<b>Highest Level of Education Completed:</b> Grade School/Middle School      Some High School      High School      GED      Some College Technical School/Certificate      Associate Degree      Bachelor's Degree      Advanced Degree (Master's, Doctorate, etc.)				
<b>Parent's Marital Status:</b> Married      Widowed      Separated      Divorced      Never Married			<b>Does Parent have custodial rights to Student?</b> Yes      No	
<b>Name of Spouse (if married):</b>		<b>Relationship of Spouse to Student (biological parent, stepparent, other):</b>		<b>Does Spouse have custodial rights to Student?</b> Yes      No
<b>Does Student Live with Parent?</b> Yes, more than 50% of the time      Yes, 50% of the time      Yes, less than 50% of the time      No				

<b>BIOLOGICAL PARENT #2</b>					
<b>Parent's First Name:</b>		<b>Parent's Middle Name:</b>		<b>Parent's Last Name:</b>	
<b>Mailing Address:</b> Number, Street, Apt. # if applicable				<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>City:</b>		<b>State:</b>		<b>Zip:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>					
<b>Employment Status:</b> Employed      Self-employed      Unemployed      Disabled      Retired      Deceased					
<b>Employer (if employed):</b>			<b>Job Title/Occupation (if employed):</b>		
<b>Highest Level of Education Completed:</b> Grade School/Middle School      Some High School      High School      GED      Some College Technical School/Certificate      Associate Degree      Bachelor's Degree      Advanced Degree (Master's, Doctorate, etc.)					
<b>Parent's Marital Status:</b> Married      Widowed      Separated      Divorced      Never Married				<b>Does Parent have custodial rights to Student?</b> Yes      No	
<b>Name of Spouse (if married):</b>		<b>Relationship of Spouse to Student (biological parent, stepparent, other):</b>		<b>Does Spouse have custodial rights to Student?</b> Yes      No	
<b>Does Student Live with Parent?</b> Yes, more than 50% of the time      Yes, 50% of the time      Yes, less than 50% of the time      No					

<b>PARENT #3</b>					
<b>Parent's First Name:</b>		<b>Parent's Middle Name:</b>		<b>Parent's Last Name:</b>	
<b>Mailing Address:</b> Number, Street, Apt. # if applicable				<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>City:</b>		<b>State:</b>		<b>Zip:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>					
<b>Employment Status:</b> Employed      Self-employed      Unemployed      Disabled      Retired      Deceased					
<b>Employer (if employed):</b>			<b>Job Title/Occupation (if employed):</b>		
<b>Highest Level of Education Completed:</b> Grade School/Middle School      Some High School      High School      GED      Some College Technical School/Certificate      Associate Degree      Bachelor's Degree      Advanced Degree (Master's, Doctorate, etc.)					
<b>Parent's Marital Status:</b> Married      Widowed      Separated      Divorced      Never Married				<b>Does Parent have custodial rights to Student?</b> Yes      No	
<b>Name of Spouse (if married):</b>		<b>Relationship of Spouse to Student (biological parent, stepparent, other):</b>		<b>Does Spouse have custodial rights to Student?</b> Yes      No	
<b>Does Student Live with Parent?</b> Yes, more than 50% of the time      Yes, 50% of the time      Yes, less than 50% of the time      No					

PARENT #4				
<b>Parent's First Name:</b>	<b>Parent's Middle Name:</b>	<b>Parent's Last Name:</b>		
<b>Mailing Address:</b> Number, Street, Apt. # if applicable			<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>	<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Employment Status:</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> <span>Employed</span> <span>Self-employed</span> <span>Unemployed</span> <span>Disabled</span> <span>Retired</span> <span>Deceased</span> </div>				
<b>Employer (if employed):</b>		<b>Job Title/Occupation (if employed):</b>		
<b>Highest Level of Education Completed:</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> <span>Grade School/Middle School</span> <span>Some High School</span> <span>High School</span> <span>GED</span> <span>Some College</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> <span>Technical School/Certificate</span> <span>Associate Degree</span> <span>Bachelor's Degree</span> <span colspan="2">Advanced Degree (Master's, Doctorate, etc.)</span> </div>				
<b>Parent's Marital Status:</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> <span>Married</span> <span>Widowed</span> <span>Separated</span> <span>Divorced</span> <span>Never Married</span> </div>			<b>Does Parent have custodial rights to Student?</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: small;"> <span>Yes</span> <span>No</span> </div>	
<b>Name of Spouse (if married):</b>	<b>Relationship of Spouse to Student (biological parent, stepparent, other):</b>		<b>Does Spouse have custodial rights to Student?</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: small;"> <span>Yes</span> <span>No</span> </div>	
<b>Does Student Live with Parent?</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> <span>Yes, more than 50% of the time</span> <span>Yes, 50% of the time</span> <span>Yes, less than 50% of the time</span> <span>No</span> </div>				

## Household Income Information

**Directions:** Please provide the following information for the Household that provides the most financial support to the student.

### HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Name <small>List everyone in the Household, including the Student. Attach a separate sheet if needed.</small>	Relationship to Student	Age	School/Occupation	Receives more than half of financial support from Student's Parent(s) Yes/No
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

The financial information requested below is **required** by the U.S. Department of Education to determine the **student's eligibility** for Upward Bound.

You must list your **taxable income** from your most recent tax return (**line 15** of the 1040 tax form) on the line below.

**Taxable Income:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you are accepted to the program, you will be asked to verify the income listed by bringing a copy of your tax return to the Upward Bound orientation meeting prior to participating in the program. You **DO NOT** need to submit your tax return with this application.

If you did not file income tax, please submit a **signed letter** stating that you do not file taxes, what your annual household income is, and from what sources it is received.

Please write an essay telling why you want to be selected for the Upward Bound Program at West Virginia University.

In this essay, please tell us about your academic and career goals and how Upward Bound can help you achieve your goals.

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## Student Record Release Form and Signature Page

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### About Upward Bound:

Funded by a Title IV TRIO grant from the United States Department of Education, the West Virginia University Upward Bound project services are free to admitted students. Acceptance into the program is dependent upon meeting federally established eligibility criteria, space availability, and quality of application materials.

### How We Use Your Information From this Application:

Upward Bound staff will use the data provided with this application to assess your eligibility in accordance with federal regulations and to make admissions decisions for the program.

### Authority to Collect and Why We Need Your Information:

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law No. 93-579, 5 U. S.C. 552A), you are hereby notified that the Department of Education is authorized to collect information to implement the Upward Bound program under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (Pub. Law 102-325, sec. 402C). In accordance with this authority, the Department receives and maintains personal information on participants in the Upward Bound program.

The principal purpose for collecting this information is to administer the program, including tracking and evaluating participants' academic progress through high school graduation, college graduation, and/or for at least six years after leaving high school as mandated by the Department of Education. The information that is collected will be retained in Upward Bound program files in a secure and confidential manner and will only be released to Department of Education officials in the performance of official duties.

### RELEASE OF STUDENT RECORDS

I authorize and give permission to **West Virginia University Upward Bound** to obtain information regarding my academic, disciplinary, financial aid, and attendance records. This information may include, but is not limited to, academic transcripts, grade reports, report cards, standardized test scores, attendance reports, disciplinary and behavior reports, test results, Individualized Education Plan and 504 plan details, college enrollment and completion reports, FAFSA and financial aid data, and any other information needed to monitor and track my academic progress and provide services under the Upward Bound program. I also grant **West Virginia University Upward Bound** permission to speak with teachers, instructors, counselors, and other school administrators to obtain and exchange information as part of the services provided by the Upward Bound program.

I authorize the release of the information described above and certify that information I have provided as part of this application (including financial information) is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## School Counselor Assessment

(To be completed by school counselor)

Student's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Which of the following describes the student's curriculum or pathway? Check all that apply.

College Preparatory      Career/Technical Education      Honors/AP/Dual Enrollment      Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. How many days of school has this student missed this school year? \_\_\_\_\_

Has school attendance been an issue for this student in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

3. How many school disciplinary actions does this student have? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Has the student ever been suspended? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please describe the reason for the suspension(s): \_\_\_\_\_

5. Does the student have an IEP or 504 plan? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please describe the accommodations the student receives: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Please describe the student's need for Upward Bound's services: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Please describe the student's fit for Upward Bound: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Please add additional comments on motivation, behavior, personality, strengths, or weaknesses that you feel will help us in evaluating this student's application: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach student's **current year grades, most recent state test scores, and academic transcript**  
(high school transcript for high school applicants, middle school transcript for middle school applicants).

Counselor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Mathematics Teacher Assessment

(To be completed by student's current math teacher)

Student's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class/Course Subject Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_


Dear Teacher:

We appreciate your cooperation and candor in completing this form. This student is applying for admission into the Upward Bound Program at West Virginia University. Your assessment of this student is a crucial element in the selection process. Please return the completed recommendation form to the student or school counselor in a sealed envelope with your signature on the seal. Letters of recommendation are accepted in addition to this form but are not required. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at **(304) 293 - 6199**.

Please assess the student in the following areas:

Study Skills				Math Skills			
	Below Grade Level	At Grade Level	Above Grade Level		Below Grade Level	At Grade Level	Above Grade Level
Time Management				Knowledge of basic skills			
Organization				Accuracy in using basic skills			
Note-Taking				Problem solving ability			
Effort				Reasoning ability			
Test-Taking				Understanding of underlying ideas and concepts			
Strategies for Studying				Retention of subject matter			

Student Characteristics	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average	No Basis for Judgment	Comments
Interest in learning						
Leadership skills						
Behavior/Focus						
Self-motivation/initiative						
Creativity						
Preparation for class						
Commitment to success						
Participation in class						
Quality of class notes						
Ability to express ideas orally						
Ability to express ideas in writing						
Ability to work independently						
Ability to work in small groups						
On time class attendance						
Assignment completion						
Character						

Form continues on the back. 

1. Please describe the student's need for Upward Bound's services: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Please describe the student's fit for Upward Bound: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Please add additional comments on motivation, behavior, personality, strengths, or weaknesses that you feel will help us in evaluating this student's application: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Grade in This Course is: \_\_\_\_\_

# English Teacher Assessment

(To be completed by student's current English teacher)

Student's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class/Course Subject Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Teacher:

We appreciate your cooperation and candor in completing this form. This student is applying for admission into the Upward Bound Program at West Virginia University. Your assessment of this student is a crucial element in the selection process. Please return the completed recommendation form to the student or school counselor in a sealed envelope with your signature on the seal. Letters of recommendation are accepted in addition to this form but are not required. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at **(304) 293 - 6199**.

Please assess the student in the following areas:

Study Skills				Language Skills			
	Below Grade Level	At Grade Level	Above Grade Level		Below Grade Level	At Grade Level	Above Grade Level
Time Management				Reading Comprehension			
Organization				Vocabulary			
Note-Taking				Grammar			
Effort				Content Analysis			
Test-Taking				Organization of Writing			
Strategies for Studying				Retention of subject matter			

Student Characteristics	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average	No Basis for Judgment	Comments
Interest in learning						
Leadership skills						
Behavior/Focus						
Self-motivation/initiative						
Creativity						
Preparation for class						
Commitment to success						
Participation in class						
Quality of class notes						
Ability to express ideas orally						
Ability to express ideas in writing						
Ability to work independently						
Ability to work in small groups						
On time class attendance						
Assignment completion						
Character						

Form continues on the back.



1. Please describe the student's need for Upward Bound's services: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Please describe the student's fit for Upward Bound: \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Please add additional comments on motivation, behavior, personality, strengths, or weaknesses that you feel will help us in evaluating this student's application: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Grade in This Course is: \_\_\_\_\_

## Optional Assessment

(To be completed by a non-relative who knows the student well. This form is not required, but the student may choose to submit it as part of the application.)

Student's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommender's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

To the Person Completing this Form:

We appreciate your cooperation and candor in completing this form. This student is applying for admission into the Upward Bound Program at West Virginia University. Your assessment of this student is a crucial element in the selection process. Please return the completed recommendation form to the student or school counselor in a sealed envelope with your signature on the seal. Letters of recommendation are accepted in addition to this form but are not required. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at **(304) 293 - 6199**.

1. Please describe the student's need for Upward Bound's services: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Please describe the student's fit for Upward Bound: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Please add additional comments on motivation, behavior, personality, strengths, or weaknesses that you feel will help us in evaluating this student's application: \_\_\_\_\_

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Recommender's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommender's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommender's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_