



Non-Continuation Information

1. What happened?

We received a non-continuation letter in the evening on Friday, September 12, 2025. The letter indicates that the U.S. Department of Education has determined to not continue our federal award, effective September 30, 2025.

2. Why did this happen?

The letter indicates that our grant application submitted in 2022 contains information that conflicts with the Department's current priorities. Specifically, the letter references language from our GEPA statement (an equity statement required of all grants) that states that our staff participate in diversity trainings and workshops and are well-versed in addressing the needs of underserved and traditionally underrepresented students.

3. Did you know this was going to happen?

No, we did not receive any advance warning or notice that this would happen. The GEPA statement is not part of the grant scoring, which we received a perfect score on in 2022. The GEPA statement is 2 pages out of the 75+ pages submitted in 2022 and was written during a previous administration's priorities. The information listed in the letter has been included in our previous GEPA statements, starting as far back as 2007, when we were first funded. There are no issues cited in our fiscal management nor grant performance, nor have there been opportunities to revise the GEPA statement to align with the current administration's priorities. We are shocked and tremendously disappointed.

4. When does our federal funding run out?

Tuesday, September 30, 2025.

5. What have you done to try to get the funding back?

The letter gave us 7 calendar days to submit a reconsideration request. We submitted this request on Thursday, September 18, 2025. This request was denied by the U.S. Department of Education on Tuesday, September 30, 2025. **We have asked WVU to help with program funding to ensure better transitions for our students and staff, and they have agreed to provide funding through December 31, 2025.**

6. What does this mean for students in the program?

Our Upward Bound program will end on December 31, 2025, the last date that WVU is able to provide funding. UB will continue to provide services through Preston's first semester, which ends on December 23. For students taking Upward Bound classes at PHS, those will continue through the first semester, and then you will take an elective in the second semester to replace the UB class in your schedule. There will be a student meeting on October 9, 2025, during advisory in the PHS Media Center to discuss this information further and to review updated Fall 2025 UB schedules. **Parents should contact Landon with any questions.**



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7. What does this mean for Upward Bound staff?

UB staff will be searching for new jobs, as funding for their employment will run out on December 31, 2025, the last date that WVU is able to provide funding.

8. What are the next steps?

- a. Stay positive and support each other!
- b. Attend the student meeting on October 9, 2025, during advisory in the PHS Media Center.
- c. Maximize the time we have together. Take advantage of UB services and show up for UB activities.
- d. Believe in yourself! With or without future UB services, you are talented and have the power to achieve your goals!



Fall 2025 Updated Information

Updates for rest of Fall 2025 semester

Please read the included information about our program's non-continuation. Please reach out to Landon with questions.

Because the program is ending on December 31, 2025, UB staff must focus on closing out the program and finding/transitioning to new jobs.

UB Freshman and Senior Seminar classes will continue through December 23, 2025, the end of the first semester at PHS.

After-school sessions will continue through December 4, 2025, according to the attached schedule. There are scheduled workshops for various grade levels focused on information needed for the future, and every student is strongly encouraged to attend these grade-level workshops. Senior parents are encouraged to attend the financial aid/FAFSA workshops on October 16 (PHS workshop) and/or October 22 (UB workshop).

It is our goal that every senior be accepted to multiple colleges and have the FAFSA completed before the end of our program. We'd also like for 9th, 10th, and 11th graders to have their high school course schedules figured out and be prepared for future college admissions items.

There will be no out of school programs, and there will be no student stipends paid this semester. For students with a stipend card that has a balance on it, the card can still be used until the card's expiration date. If you had a card with a balance on it but lost the card, you need to contact Landon ASAP so he can issue a replacement card.

Lastly, we hope to have an end of program celebration at PHS during the school day on either Monday, December 22 or Tuesday, December 23. More information will be shared once this is finalized.

Although the program is ending, we'd like to see as many of you as possible. It may seem strange to continue to participate when there is a termination date pending, but I'm a firm believer that you always have something to gain from pushing yourself and for showing up.

Modified Fall 2025 Schedule

Wednesday After School Sessions	Thursday After School Sessions
October 15 - Location: Media Center - Homework Help/Tutoring	October 16 - Location: UB Room, PHS Room 278 - Homework Help/Tutoring - Seniors and parents are encouraged to attend PHS Financial Aid Information Night in Media Center (5:00-7:00 pm)
October 22 - Location: Media Center - Homework Help/Tutoring - Location: UB Room, PHS Room 278 - FAFSA Help-seniors and parents 3:30-4:30 pm - Financial Aid Workshop-seniors and parents 4:30-5:30 pm	October 23 - Location: Media Center - Homework Help/Tutoring - Location: UB Room, PHS Room 278 - Juniors-High School Course Selection 3:30-4:30 pm - Juniors-College Preparation 4:30-5:30 pm
October 29 - Location: Media Center - Homework Help/Tutoring - Juniors-High School Course Selection 3:30-4:30 pm - Juniors-College Preparation 4:30-5:30 pm	October 30 - Location: Media Center - Homework Help/Tutoring
November 5 - Location: Media Center - Homework Help/Tutoring - Sophomores-High School Course Selection 3:30-4:30 pm - Sophomores-College Preparation 4:30-5:30 pm	November 6 - Location: Media Center - Homework Help/Tutoring
None	November 13 - Location: UB Room, PHS Room 278 - Homework Help/Tutoring (could move to Room 305 if needed) - Sophomores-High School Course Selection 3:30-4:30 pm - Sophomores-College Preparation 4:30-5:30 pm
None	November 20 - Location: Media Center - Homework Help/Tutoring
None	December 4 - Location: Media Center - Homework Help/Tutoring

Tentative: December 22 or December 23-UB End of Program Celebration during school day at PHS