

RECOMMENDATION

Upward Bound Program

Portland State University

(To be answered by the applicant's counselor)

Qualifications:

9th or 10th grade only; **30%** of 9th grade students recruited should qualify as **high risk**:

- a. Did not meet state assessments in reading/language arts for grade eight;
- b. Did not meet state assessments in math for grade eight;
- c. Have a grade point average of 2.5 or less (on a 4.0 scale) for the most recent school year for which grade point averages are available; or
- d. Have not completed pre-algebra, algebra, or geometry by the end of grade eight, and (in cases in which students are recruited early during grade nine) are not taking algebra or geometry in grade nine.

1. Student's Name _____

2. If the student is lacking credits, please list courses needed and credits _____

3. Please list 8th grade benchmarks scores; these are required for enrollment:

_____Reading _____Math

4. Please use the space below to outline briefly the reasons you have for recommending this youth for placement in the Upward Bound program.

Signature/ Position or Title _____

Institution or Agency _____

5. Please attach a copy of the student's first quarter transcript or grade report.

Upward Bound (UB) is a college preparatory program that offers assistance to 81 low income and first generation high school students. The focus of Upward Bound is to develop skills needed for post-secondary education and to help its graduates enter and stay in post-secondary education.

Upward Bound Services:

Upward Bound offers academic and college advising services designed to help students take advantage of their high school years:

Year-round tutoring in the basic areas of reading, study skills, writing, computational skills, math, science, and foreign languages

A six-week Summer Session: One week at camp and five weeks of courses in language arts, math/science, critical thinking, and other electives chosen by the students

Individual and small group college **advising**

College preparation assistance: admissions forms, financial aid, and scholarships

Credit Retrieval & Credit in Advance Courses

Career exploration early on to help focus students on lifelong goals

Technology Literacy Workshops including Internet Research, Web Page Design, Photo-Editing, Desktop Publishing, E-Mail, and other tools for collaborative, project-based learning

College visitations, corporate field trips, recreational & cultural field trips

SAT Test Workshops, and other academic workshops

Eligibility:

Students from families who are both low income (150% of poverty level) and first generation (neither parent has a 4-year bachelor's degree).

Students attending the following high schools:

Marshall Grant **Franklin Madison** **Jefferson Benson**

Students must:

Be currently enrolled in 9th or 10th grades

Have academic potential

Be interested in continuing with education after high school

Be willing to participate in all aspects of the Upward Bound Program



Upward Bound has been productive and rewarding to Portland State University and to project participants in the Portland Public Schools since 1978.

80% of all students remain in the program annually;

98% of participants graduate from high school;

95% of participants enter college after high school graduation;

80% of our high school graduates since 1998 are still in college or have graduated.