Dear Student/Parent/Guardian:

The goal of the Upward Bound Program is to help students generate the skills and motivation needed for them to enroll in and graduate from college. Upward Bound recruits students with college potential who would be the first in their family to graduate college and who have financial need in paying for college. The program is specifically designed to assist participants in making the transition from high school to college.

Upward Bound provides continued encouragement and academic preparation to high school students who are committed to improving their skills and furthering their education. Therefore, all activities of the program must be taken seriously by the participant throughout the duration of the program. If the program staff feels the student is not making the necessary progress, at any time, his/her position in the program may be given to another student who is willing to make the commitment.

Upward Bound students are served through an intensive six-week summer and an academic year programs (up to 20 Saturdays) both of which have the following goals:

1. Increase academic performance
2. Increase motivation
3. Provide guidance and counseling for career/educational
4. Provide cultural and educational experiences to create a positive attitude toward education and college attendance
5. Provide group/individual tutoring and academic advising
6. Provide assistance in securing admission to a college or university and adequate financial aid needed to attend.

In order to achieve their goal of earning a college degree, students must be committed to their responsibilities.

Applications may be turned into seminar teacher, mailed into Upward Bound office, or delivered in person to Upward Bound staff. Please do not fax.

*Interviews of selected applicants will be held at high schools and on LSU’s campus and are required for admittance into the program. Interviews are conducted with selected applicant and guardian; supporting documentation for admission will be required.
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Required for admittance into the program.

✓ Application Checklist

*In order to complete the application process, you must submit the following forms along with the completed application:

(Please check each box and return ALL documents with the completed application packet to LSU Upward Bound, high school counselor, or designated Upward Bound partner).

☐ Social Security Card (copy) or equivalent

☐ Signed Income Tax Return showing Taxable Income (Taxable Income is on IRS Form 1040 – line 43; Form 1040A – line 27; or Form 1040EZ – line 6) OR a signed personal statement of income. (Most recent return is acceptable. A check stub or W-2 will NOT be accepted.)

☐ Previous year’s Final Report Card/Transcript

☐ Most Recent State Assessment Scores

☐ School Class Schedule

☐ Student Disciplinary History
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PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN EACH FORM WHERE REQUIRED.
Please print clearly and complete in ink.
*It is important that you answer each question completely.

Last Name: _____________________  Grade Level: ______________
First Name: ___________________  M.I.: ______  Cumulative GPA: __________
Expected Graduation Date: (mm/yyyy) ______________

Student Contact Information:
Cell Phone: _______________________  Home Phone: _______________________
Email: ____________________________
Instagram: _________________________  Twitter: _________________________

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): ________________  Student Age: ___________
Sex:   Male ☐   Female ☐
Gender: _____________________________
Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes ☐  No ☐  If No, list citizenship: ______________________

Do you have a condition or disability which requires special treatment, diet, or other consideration?
(ex: food/medicinal allergies; classroom accommodations [IEP])
Yes ☐  No ☐
If yes, please be specific:________________________________________________________

How did you find out about the LSU Upward Bound Program?
__________________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________
Are you currently a member of any other TRiO Program (Talent Search, Upward Bound/Math &
Science?) Yes ☐  No ☐
If Yes, which University and which program? _______________________________________

** To participate in Louisiana State University’s Upward Bound Program, you may not participate in any other TRiO Program. You must withdraw from the other program if you are accepted by LSU’s Upward Bound Program and plan to participate.**
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Family Information:
With whom do you live?
Mother ☐ Father ☐ Both Parents ☐ Guardian ☐ (Relationship: ________________________)

Have any of your family members participated in Upward Bound? Yes ☐ No ☐
If Yes, Name: _______________________ Relationship: ________________________

Parent/Guardian Contact Information:
Name: _____________________________ Cell Phone: _____________________________
Home Phone: _________________________ Email: _____________________________

Have either of your parents graduated from a four-year Bachelor’s program?
Mother ☐ Father ☐ Neither ☐

Parent/Guardian Place of Employment: ___________________________________________

May we contact you at work place? Yes ☐ No ☐ Work Phone: _______________________

Work Schedule: _________________________________________________________________

What do you want for your student’s future? _________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

What do you hope for your student to receive from Upward Bound? _____________________
____________________________________________________________________________

As the parent, how do you plan on engaging in your child’s plan for academic success? ______
____________________________________________________________________________

I ______________________ and ______________________ certify that the information provided on
in this application packet to be true, correct, and complete.

Student Signature: ___________________________ Date: ________________________

As the parent of a potential Upward Bound scholar, we need your commitment as well. Success is a ladder that one cannot climb alone. LSU Upward Bound is a plus-one initiative that provides support to the school and student, and your committed involvement is the key to success. It is imperative that you provide emotional / motivational support to your student and make sure that she or he is able to attend UB activities and events in order to take advantage of every opportunity available.

By signing below, you are making this commitment upon admittance of your student.

Parent/Guardian Signature: ___________________________ Date: ________________________
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What activities are you involved in at your school?
Sports ☐ JROTC Band ☐ Dance/Cheerleading ☐ Other ☐ Name: ___________

What activities are you involved with outside of school?
____________________________________________________________________________

What is your extracurricular schedule?
____________________________________________________________________________

Do you have classes in which you need tutorial help? Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, which class(es)? ____________________________________________

What are your plans after high school graduation?
____________________________________________________________________________

What type of careers are of interest to you?
____________________________________________________________________________

Student Employment:
Are you currently employed? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, place of employment: _______________
Work Phone #: ________________________ Work Schedule: ___________________
____________________________________________________________________________

STUDENT ESSAYS

Please answer the following questions and return the essays with your application. Write complete sentences and paragraphs for each answer. Essays should be attached to this form with the question number labeled for the corresponding answer. Make sure to use correct grammar! Questions are to be answered by student applicant.

Question 1
Do you feel that your grades represent your true ability? Please explain your answer fully.

Question 2
Please explain why you should be accepted into the LSU Upward Bound Program. (ex. How will you work to get the most out of the program?)

Question 3
Please explain three reasons why you have made getting a college education one of your goals in life. (Write one paragraph for each reason).

Note: Essays should be at least three paragraphs long, with a minimum of three sentences per paragraph.

Please write legibly in ink or type essays on a separate sheet(s) of paper and submit it with the application packet.
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Student Name: ______________________________ Date: _______________________

Student Social Security Number: ______-_____-_______

The below information is only for the use of Upward Bound eligibility requirements and services as stated by the U.S. Department of Education. This document will be stored in a locked filing cabinet and will not be shared with any outside agencies other than the U.S. Department of Education.

Low Income Verification

YOU MUST PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE PROGRAM.

Our **TAXABLE** family income for the past calendar year of ______ was $_____________.

Number of family members: _______

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____________________ Date: ______________

*Please provide a signed copy of your FEDERAL INCOME TAX FORMS, if filed.*

Taxable Income is on IRS Form 1040 – line 43; Form 1040A – line 27; or Form 1040EZ – line 6.

If you have any questions concerning this section, please contact the Upward Bound office at 225-578-7234.

First Generation Eligibility Verification

Each student’s Parent(s) must supply the following information (if in student’s household).

**Mother:**

I, ____________________________, have **NOT** received a bachelor’s degree from a college or university.

Signature: __________________________

**Father:**

I, ____________________________, have **NOT** received a bachelor’s degree from a college or university.

Signature: __________________________