

Academic, Summer, & Bridge Components

Academic Component: During the school year students meet weekly with a tutor for a minimum of one hour, and on some Saturdays students attend enrichment classes, enjoy student activities, and develop friendships on the Odessa College campus.



Summer Component: During the summer component, students get to experience “college life.” Upward Bound students live in the dorms at Odessa College for five weeks while taking

different courses and spend the sixth week visiting metropolitan areas such as Dallas and Houston.



Bridge Component: Once the participant graduates high school, the Upward Bound program pays all tuition and textbook costs for up to two college courses during the Summer I Semester at Odessa College.

Application Information

If you are interested in joining Upward Bound you can receive an application from your school counselor or by contacting our program. You will need assistance from your parents, teachers, and counselors to fill out the application material. Once you complete the application packet, turn it in to your school counselor.

Contact Information

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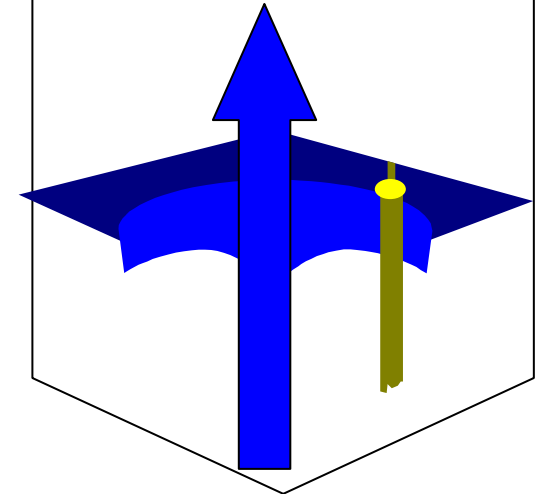


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What is Upward Bound?

Upward Bound is a federally funded TRIO program with one goal: to increase the rates at which participants enroll in and graduate from institutions of higher education. The Department of Education funds our program to serve 60 students from 11 area schools. All participants receive year-round academic and personal assistance such as:



- Tutoring
- Assistance in applying for financial aid
- 6-Week Summer Program at Odessa College
- Fee waivers for SAT and ACT
- Career & Personal Counseling
- Saturday enrichment classes
- Stipends provided for attendance and GPA increases

Eligibility Criteria

- * Students must be a 9th grader from a target school to apply
- * Must be low income, according to federal guidelines (Taxable, not Gross, Income is used to determine eligibility)
- * Potential first-generation college student, meaning neither parent/guardian has a Bachelors degree



Target Schools

Odessa Schools:

- ♦ Bonham Jr. High
- ♦ Bowie Jr. High
- ♦ Crockett Jr. High
- ♦ Ector Jr. High
- ♦ Hood Jr. High
- ♦ Nimitz Jr. High
- ♦ Odessa High
- ♦ Permian High

Out of Town Schools:

- ♦ Andrews High
- ♦ Kermit High
- ♦ Pecos High



Social/ Cultural Events

Upward Bound is also committed to rewarding the program participants for their hard work and devotion towards the success of their academic goals, therefore students are offered the opportunity to participate in several social/cultural activities such as:

- ⇒ Campus Tours
- ⇒ Jackalopes or RockHounds Games
- ⇒ Dinner & Theatre Nights
- ⇒ Summer trips to cities like Dallas, San Antonio, Houston and more
- ⇒ Concerts, movies, and the zoo
- ⇒ And various other fun and educational activities

All travel, food, hotel, and ticket expenses are paid for by Upward Bound

