The program is for eligible high school students who are:

- Interested in being first-generation college graduates in their families
- Unable to afford college
- Willing to participate in college preparation and workshops in their home counties and academic classes during the summers on EKU's campus
- Motivated to raise their ACT scores
- In need of academic support in order to attain their education goals beyond high school
- Interested in cultivating new friendships and enjoying positive experiences

WHAT PARENTS AND GUARDIANS NEED TO KNOW

Eastern Kentucky University Upward Bound is funded through a TRiO grant from the United States Department of Education totaling $506,785.
Our mission statement:
EKU Upward Bound is a supportive community that prepares high school students who have limited access to higher education opportunities for a successful college career through a program of engaging academic instruction, experience-based college preparation, and enriching cultural exposure.

What is the cost?
NOTHING! Upward Bound is sponsored by the United States Department of Education and is offered at no membership cost to your family. In addition, all UB students receive stipends during the academic year and summer Chautauqua Program.

Frequently Asked Questions about Upward Bound

What will my child do in Upward Bound?
He or she will have a wonderful time learning, making friends and sharing new experiences. He or she will take classes, have scholarship opportunities, attend seminars on how to succeed in high school and college, and take college tours along with exciting field trips.

Will Upward Bound assist my child in obtaining a college education?
YES! The program will help your child master the subjects that colleges require them to have such as: English, Math, Science and Foreign Language. UB also assists with applying for college and financial aid.

How can my child apply for Upward Bound?
Contact us! We’ll be happy to talk to you about the application process as well as the program’s eligibility requirements.

Frequently Asked Questions about the Summer Component

What is the summer Chautauqua Program?
During the summer, students spend six exciting weeks at Eastern Kentucky University living in the residence halls and taking classes that will help them get ready for college.

Can parents visit?
Absolutely! Parents and family members are welcome anytime and are encouraged to participate in many of our activities.

What if my child needs to attend a camp during the summer?
While our program runs throughout the academic year, it is vital that students participate in the summer residential portion of the program. The summer dates are provided months in advance so that you can schedule your family vacation and other activities around the summer program.