Each summer, Upward Bound students...

...spend five exciting weeks at Eastern Kentucky University!

...live in a university residence hall!

...take classes that support their preparation for college!

...broaden their life experiences through cultural events, academic programs, and other activities!

...receive financial stipends!

...learn about different cultures!

...visit various colleges and universities!

...go on an AMAZING end of summer trip!

...all at NO cost!

Eastern Kentucky University Upward Bound is funded through a TRiO grant from the United States Department of Education totaling $506,785.
What FREE services are provided?

• Assistance with how to apply for college financial aid
• Coaching in time management, tutoring, study skills and decision making
• Educational and cultural field trips
• Year-round career, academic and financial planning
• Chances to broaden life experiences through cultural events, academic programs and other activities
• Financial stipends

What is UB all about?

The Eastern Kentucky University Upward Bound Program is funded by the United States Department of Education and, since 1965, has positively impacted the lives of Kentucky students. We currently serve students in Casey, Estill, Jackson, Lee, Lincoln, Powell and Wolfe counties.

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.

The program is for eligible high school students who are:

• Interested in being first-generation college graduates from their families
• Unable to afford college
• Willing to participate in tutoring and classes in their home counties and 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 do students say about EKU Upward Bound?

"Upward Bound is the best program that anyone could ever hope to be a part of. It has literally changed my life for the better in so many ways."

"People always told me that you can be anything. The thing that Upward Bound did differently was not just tell me, but give me the tools to prove to myself that I can be anything."

"I love being in UB because I get the opportunity to experience new things, meet new people, and go new places. UB has prepared me so much for what to expect in college."

"The most beneficial part of UB for me is the tutoring/studying skills. I need all the help I can get for that!"