What Does It Cost?

Since Upward Bound is funded by a federal grant from the US Department of Education, all program services are provided FREE OF CHARGE. Students who fulfill the program’s academic and attendance requirements earn a stipend check throughout the year and during the summer based on their participation!

How Do I Join?

Students have to meet income guidelines and/or be the first in their immediate families who will earn a four-year college degree in order to qualify for the program according to federal requirements. Also, students must be serious about enrolling in college immediately after high school. Students wanting to join the program must complete an application packet. Spaces are limited so interested students are strongly encouraged to apply as early as possible.

If you think Upward Bound might be a good opportunity for you and you think you might qualify, please call Upward Bound (724-938-4470), email upwardbound@calu.edu, or stop by your school’s guidance office to request an application packet.

Upward Bound Works!

According to a recent study, students who participate in Upward Bound programs are more than four times more likely to graduate from college than their peers who do not participate in the program.

Upward Bound is Federally-Funded

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Upward Bound Helps Students

Upward Bound (UB) helps high school students to prepare for and succeed in college after high school. The program offers a wide array of services, including:

- Academic and career guidance
- Visits to several college campuses and the National College Fair
- Exposure to different careers and majors
- Tutoring and study skills help
- College application help and fee waivers
- Financial aid application help and scholarship searches
- SAT preparation, registration assistance, and fee waivers
- Family workshops on college planning
- Field trips to museums, college fairs, and other historical and educational sites
- Cultural, social, educational, and recreational opportunities
- Preparation for the Keystone Exams

Joining Upward Bound

The Upward Bound (Greene) program at California University of Pennsylvania serves students from these Fayette County high schools:

- Albert Gallatin
- Brownsville
- Connellsville
- Laurel Highlands
- Uniontown

Students can apply for admission to the program beginning in the spring of their 8th grade year.

Not just an academic program, UB is an opportunity for students to experience new things and make new friends for life!

Year Round Activities

UB offers activities year round to help students do better in school and prepare for college.

During the school year, four Saturday Sessions are held on the California University campus (transportation and lunch are provided) and offer various academic, personal development, social/recreational, and college and career planning activities.

Staff members meet with students during weekly after school meetings at each high school for academic planning, tutoring, goal setting, and academic progress monitoring.

The program’s annual Summer Academy on the Cal U campus is designed to simulate the college experience and introduce students to courses they will have in the fall. Summer Academy students live in a residence hall and enjoy diverse academic, social, and educational activities, including college visits, talent shows, sporting events, service learning experiences, and an annual senior trip. Housing and meals are provided.