

What is Upward Bound?

Upward Bound is a federally funded educational program and is one of the six TRIO programs at Georgia State University. The program provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The program also provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their pre-college performance and ultimately in their higher educational pursuits. Upward Bound serves high school students from low-income families and high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.



Cost

Upward Bound is grant-funded through the Department of Education. There is no cost to Upward Bound students. Stipends are paid to students based on their participation and academic progress.

Georgia State University's Atlanta-Gwinnett Upward Bound

The Atlanta-Gwinnett Upward Bound Program consists of two components: the academic year component and the summer residential component. Throughout each component, students can participate in numerous cultural enrichment outings.

Academic Year:

The Academic Year Component consists of the Upward Bound Saturday Academy, which is held virtually on select Saturdays throughout the school year. These sessions include instruction in mathematics, English, science, and electives. The academic year component also consists of Upward Bound staff virtual workshops to provide academic advisement, career and social counseling, and college readiness guidance. Throughout the academic year, students will have the opportunity to participate in virtual cultural enrichment activities and programs.

Summer Component:

The Summer Residential Component is an intensive six-week academic enrichment program that meets Sunday evening through Friday from mid-June through early July. Summer program participants will live in a residence hall on the Georgia State University campus and will be under 24-hour adult supervision by the Upward Bound Staff. Students will attend classes such as math, English, science, social studies, and other electives. Throughout the summer program, students will also participate in college readiness workshops and cultural enrichment outings.

Eligibility:

Upward Bound students must meet income or first-generation college student guidelines as defined by the federal government. Students accepted into the program are required to follow a strict college preparatory curriculum in high school and display a strong desire to attend college. Students must be in the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade and enrolled at one of the target high schools at the time of selection. If accepted into the program, students will remain in the program until their high school graduation.

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Interested in applying for the program, please use the following link:
<https://rb.gy/nfwi2r>



Target Schools:

- Berkmar High
- Central Gwinnett High
- Douglass High
- Meadowcreek High
- Washington High

“Students in the Upward Bound program are four times more likely to earn an undergraduate degree than students from similar backgrounds who did not participate in TRIO programs.”
-- Council for Opportunity in Education

Online Programming until further notice

Due to the impact of COVID-19, all our services will be held online until further notice. Once the circumstances allow for us to meet in-person again, students and parents will be notified. Thank you.