Upward Bound is a federally funded program from the U.S. Department of Education to encourage first-generation, limited-income students to further their education. The Upward Bound Program services help students explore college and career opportunities, preparing them to enter the college of their choice upon graduation from high school. Upward Bound students attend mandatory monthly College Preparatory Saturday Sessions where they are provided with information about college, careers, study skills, financial aid, financial literacy, test preparation, and participate in cultural/enrichment activities. The program provides individual academic advising and interpersonal counseling. Upward Bound students also attend a six week residential academic summer program on the University of Nevada, Reno campus. All Upward Bound services are free.

Preference given to completed applications that are turned in or postmarked by:

Contact Information:

University of Nevada, Reno
Upward Bound Programs
203 Edmund J Cain Hall MS 0062
Reno, NV 89557-0062

Phone: 775-784-4978
Fax: 775-784-6254
Website: www.unr.edu/upwardbound
Please use the checklist below before submitting the application to Upward Bound.

In order to process your application, we must have the following documents:

- The completed application with all necessary signatures
- Clear copy of your Social Security Card
- Clear copy of both sides of Alien Registration Card (if applicable)
- Copies of all income verification forms
- Copy of most recent school transcript
- Test scores on the Nevada Proficiency Exams or ITBS
- Writing samples
- Assessment forms (see below)

  - Counselor
  - Science teacher
  - Math teacher
  - English teacher

About the Assessment Forms
Four (4) assessment forms must be completed and signed by three teachers (math, science, and English) and your school counselor. The assessment is designed to be confidential. The individuals completing the assessments are to mail or fax the forms directly to the Upward Bound Program. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that the assessment forms are submitted by their teachers within the deadline.

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UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO
TRIO-Upward Bound Programs - University of Nevada, Reno
Student Application

Intake Information

To Student: The application must be typewritten or printed neatly in blue or black ink. Answer all questions; failure to do so will delay the processing. If a question is not applicable, mark “N/A” in the space provided.

To parent or legal guardian: The personal information, including financial status and educational levels, given to the Upward Bound Projects is used for reporting purposes with the United States Department of Education. No one may access, view or utilize the information unless they work with or for Upward Bound or unless they are given specific or legal authorization to said information. This information is required to determine if your child meets federal eligibility guidelines established by regulation of the United States Department of Education. All information is protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA, 20 USC 1233a).

Student Information

Date ______________________________

Student Name: ________________________________________________________________

(First) (Middle) (Last) __________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: ________________________________________________________________

(Street Address or P.O. Box) ______________________________________________________

(City) __________________________ (State) __________ (Zip Code) _________________

Contact Information: (_____)

(Home Phone Number) __________________________________________________________

(Email address) ______________________________________________________________

Social Security Number _____-____-______ (Please include a Clear Copy of your Social Security Card)

Date of Birth __________________________ Place of Birth ______________________________ Gender □ M □ F

Current Grade ______ Current School _________________ School GPA ______

If you are currently an 8th grader, what high school do you plan to attend: ____________________________________________________________

Are you currently a participant in any of the following programs: □ Gear Up □ AVID □ ASCENT □ Dean’s Future Scholars

Ethnicity (please check one)

□ Asian □ Native American/Native Alaskan

□ Black/African American □ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

□ Hispanic/Latino □ White/Caucasian

□ Multiracial (please specify): ____________________________________________________________

□ Other not listed (please specify): ______________________________________________________________________

Is a language other than English spoken at home? Please indicate which language(s) __________________________________________________________

Citizenship Status:

□ U.S. Citizen

□ Permanent Resident Alien Registration number ________________________________

(Please attach a copy front/back of student alien resident registration card)

You must be a US citizen or legal resident of the United States to receive services from Upward Bound.

How did you hear about Upward Bound? __________________________________________
Eligibility and Parent or Guardian Information

Upward Bound is required to verify that participants meet federal criteria based on educational background and income levels. Upward Bound will ensure that all information provided is kept confidential.

Please answer all the questions below and supply documentation as requested. You may write N/A if not applicable.

1. HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Did you file a recent federal income tax form? ☐ Yes ☐ No. If yes, my taxable income is $__________________________

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF PAGES 1 AND 2 OF YOUR MOST RECENT 1040 FEDERAL TAX RETURN

Do you receive

Social Security? ☐ Yes ☐ No  Welfare/TANF? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Disability? ☐ Yes ☐ No  Veterans Benefits? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If YES to any of the above, please attach appropriate form from agency showing amount of monthly benefits.

2. PARENT INFORMATION AND HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Please list names of all the persons who live in your household (including yourself)

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Use additional sheets if necessary

3. Is the birth or adoptive father living in the home? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name ________________________________________________ Date of Birth ____________________________

Occupation __________________________________________ Place of Work ____________________________

Highest Education Level Reached

☐ Elementary  ☐ High School  ☐ Some College
☐ Associate Degree  ☐ Bachelor’s Degree  ☐ Graduate Degree  ☐ Unknown

4. Is the birth or adoptive mother living in the home? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name ________________________________________________ Date of Birth ____________________________

Occupation __________________________________________ Place of Work ____________________________

Highest Education Level Reached

☐ Elementary  ☐ High School  ☐ Some College
☐ Associate Degree  ☐ Bachelor’s Degree  ☐ Graduate Degree  ☐ Unknown

I attest to the fact that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that any false statements or misrepresentation will make the applicant ineligible for the Upward Bound program.

Parent/Guardian Signature __________________________________________ Date ______________________
This section requires the student to answer questions in complete, grammatically correct sentences. Please type or write legibly. Your answers will be considered in the application review process.

1. How can the Upward Bound Program help you academically and/or personally?

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2. What are your strengths and weaknesses in and out of school?

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3. Using important persons, events, decisions and changes in your life, describe who you are.

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4. Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?

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5. What area(s) do you think you will be interested in studying in college?

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Certification and Signatures.

This section must be completed by the student and the parent/guardian. Please check each box next to each statement below, sign on the appropriate lines, and date.

☐ I/We understand that the completion of this application does not guarantee acceptance in the UB program.
☐ I/We understand that the information provided on this application will be held in confidence by the UB program.
☐ I/We certify that the information provided on the application is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge.
☐ I/We authorize the release of my school records (transcripts, standardized test scores) to the UB program.
☐ I/We authorize the release and exchange of student financial aid information from colleges and federal government to the UB program.
☐ I/We authorize the release of college enrollment status to the UB program.
☐ I/We understand that there is a zero tolerance policy with regards to blatant or implied gang insignia, dress, hand signs, harassing or threatening behavior, weapons, alcohol, and drugs.
☐ I/We authorize the use of my image and/or statements in UB publications and media releases about the UB program.

Applicant: I understand the purpose of the Upward Bound program, which is to prepare participants to successfully complete a program of post-secondary education. As part of my personal effort in this preparation, I commit to Upward Bound through completion of my high school education (or Bridge program) and intend to participate in all academic year and summer components of the program. I understand that attendance is an integral part of participating. Therefore, I agree to attend and actively participate in all classes, meetings and activities sponsored by Upward Bound. I will comply with all rules and regulations of the Upward Bound program, and I am aware that failure to comply could result in dismissal from the program.

Parent: I understand the purpose of the Upward Bound program, which is to prepare participants to successfully complete a program of post-secondary education, and would like to have my child participate in all activities, including field trips. I also authorize the employees of the Program to have access to the student's academic records, to render medical aid if necessary, and I release the Program from responsibility for any harm incurred by the student.

Parent/Guardian Signature ____________________________ Date ____________

Student Signature ____________________________ Date ____________

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