

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible for this program?

Our students must be from first-generation and/or low income families. Students must also attend one of our four target schools: Evans, Jones, Oakridge, and Wekiva High School. Please refer to our “Application” tab and you will see the requirements for us to enroll students.

How do I apply, what do I need?

Access our Application on our website and complete each page and either fax or mail it to us when it is complete. After review of the application, an interview will be conducted to see that your student and Upward Bound are a right fit.

How much does it cost to have my student in this program?

There is no cost for your student to be in the Upward Bound program. We are funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Are you recruiting students to attend Rollins College?

No. We are educating students in the college-going process.

Do you take students on college tours?

Yes, our goal is to take students on two college tours each school year.

What are the requirements to continue in this program?

We have guidelines that must be met due to the federal funding we receive. We expect our students to maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher, enroll in rigorous courses that will prepare them for college, maintain a respectful attitude, and show high enthusiasm and academic motivation.

Does this program provide any scholarships?

No, we teach the skills and resources to find your scholarships on your own.

Does my student have to reapply each year?

No, once you are in our program we hope you are there until graduation. We do ask though that you keep us updated with any changes in address, emails and phone numbers.

How long does my student stay in the program?

You child will remain an active participant in our program until high school graduation; unless they are dismissed from our program for attendance, academic or behavior reasons.

We begin recruiting as young as those entering the 9th grade.

What happens if I move to another school?

Your child can continue to be a part of the Upward Bound program if they continue to meet all of the attendance and academic requirements.

What are Saturday Sessions?

Twice a month (From September to May) Students will participate in a full day (8:00am-1:00pm) academic sessions divided into one-hour classes with highly qualified Teachers and Tutors. Each class will be a different subject (Math, English, Science, Foreign Language, ACT/SAT Prep) and the students will have the opportunity to receive additional assistance in the school work from their high schools. Lunch will be provided at no cost.

What happens during the Summer Component?

Students will complete a six-week academic program taught by certified teachers in Orange, Seminole, and Osceola counties. Students are placed in classes that they've registered to take the following year at their High Schools. They are given a head start on the curriculum and are given the opportunity to benefit from the many resources at the Rollins College Campus. Students will also participate in a residential component at the Rollins College Campus, in addition to the academic programming. There, students will be led by five Residential Advisors. Students participate in clubs, evening tutoring, evening activities, and field trips.

Does my child need to stay for the Residential part during the Summer Component?

Yes, it is required that every student for both the Academic and Residential components throughout the entire summer. Special circumstances need to be addressed to the Upward Bound Staff before the Summer Component begins in early June.

If you have any further questions, please call our office at 407.646.2282.