



Dear Student and Parents/Guardians,

Thank you so much for your interest in the University of New Hampshire Upward Bound program! UNH Upward Bound, a federally funded college preparatory program, **provides services at no cost** to 114 students attending Farmington, Somersworth, Spaulding, Manchester Central, Memorial, and West High Schools. Our mission is to help students develop the skills necessary to successfully graduate from high school and go on to college in order to earn a two or four-year degree within six-years of high school graduation.

Since 1966, UNH Upward Bound has helped several thousand New Hampshire young people earn college degrees and improve their options for successful careers. Our program begins during the **Academic Year** where students will meet with advisers twice-monthly in their schools and receive academic, career, and college assistance and guidance. In addition to in-school advising, students will: receive college & career guidance during grade-level workshops, have the opportunity to attend monthly Saturday Tutoring Academies at UNH and college, educational and cultural visits throughout New England, as well as receive fee waivers for college applications, the SATs/ACTs, and dual enrollment college courses. The program continues during the **Summer Residential program** which takes place over six weeks at UNH. Students get to experience residence hall life while living with other Upward Bound students on the UNH Durham campus Monday through Friday. They take classes that will help prepare them for their next year in school. In addition, students will get support through tutoring, creative problem-solving challenges, and culturally enriching activities.

To be eligible for Upward Bound, a student must be a US citizen, a permanent resident, or in the process of applying for permanent residency **and at least one of the following two criteria:**

1. The student's family income should fall within the limits listed on the reverse side of this letter, **or**
2. The student should be of the first generation in their family to potentially complete a four-year college degree; that is, neither biological parent has earned a four-year college degree.

To take advantage of this opportunity, complete the enclosed application and return it to your school's guidance secretary by the indicated date. In addition, the two (2) enclosed Teacher Recommendations must be completed on your behalf. All fields of the application are required to determine program eligibility. Information provided is protected by the Privacy Act.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me at (603) 862-3859. You can learn more by visiting our website, [www.upwardbound.unh.edu](http://www.upwardbound.unh.edu), our Facebook page at [facebook.com/unhupwardbound](https://facebook.com/unhupwardbound), or our Instagram feed at [instagram.com/unh\\_upward\\_bound/](https://instagram.com/unh_upward_bound/).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joshua A. Gagnon'.

Joshua A. Gagnon  
Director, UNH Upward Bound

Federal TRIO Programs Income Levels for 2020  
as of January 15, 2020

| Size of Family** | Taxable Income |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1                | \$19,140       |
| 2                | \$25,860       |
| 3                | \$32,580       |
| 4                | \$39,300       |
| 5                | \$46,020       |
| 6                | \$52,740       |
| 7                | \$59,460       |
| 8                | \$66,180       |

For family units with more than 8 members, add the following amount for each additional family member: \$6,7200 for the 48 contiguous states.

\* For these purposes “family income” includes only the income of the parent(s)/ stepparent(s)/ guardian(s) with whom the student lives.

\*\* The “Size of Family” includes parent(s)/ stepparent(s)/ guardian(s), the student, and other dependents.

The term "low-income individual" means an individual whose family's taxable income for the preceding year did not exceed 150% of the poverty level amount.

The figures shown under family income represent amounts equal to 150 percent of the family income levels established by the Census Bureau for determining poverty status. The 2020 poverty guidelines are in effect as of January 15, 2020. Federal Register notice was published on January 17, 2020.



# Student Eligibility & Application Form

University of New Hampshire Upward Bound  
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Office: 603-862-1563 Fax: 603-862-3270  
www.upwardbound.unh.edu

Please complete this application and **return it to your Guidance Office Secretary by the date on the outside of this packet**. Please give the enclosed Recommendation Forms to one core subject teacher (math and English or ESOL teacher preferred), so that they can complete and return them by the deadline referred to above.

Once we have received your completed materials, we will review your application. If you are selected for an interview, an Upward Bound staff member will contact you to set up an appointment. Interviews last about a half-hour. Admission into the program is based on financial and academic eligibility, academic need, readiness for program services and available space. In addition, Upward Bound students must be either US citizens, permanent residents or applying for permanent residency. All answers are treated confidentially. Feel free to contact us in advance at 603-862-1563 if you have any question or concerns.

## SECTION 1: GENERAL STUDENT INFORMATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Name Middle Initial Last Name Jr., etc.*

Preferred Name & Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Female  Male  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  I prefer not to disclose

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address or P.O. Box*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City/Town State Zip Code*

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  We do not have a home phone.

Student's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  I do not have a cell phone.

Student's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Language(s) Spoken at Home:  English  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Race & Ethnicity (check all that apply):  Hispanic/Latino  American Indian/Alaskan Native  
 Asian  Black or African American  
 White  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

## SECTION 2: STUDENT'S EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Current High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Year of HS Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever applied to UNH UB before?  Yes  No

Are you currently in UNH Educational Talent Search (ETS)?  Yes  No

Are you currently in GEAR UP NH?  Yes  No

Did you participate in Breakthrough Manchester/are you currently in Breakthrough Manchester SNHU?  Yes  No

Have you been a participant in any other TRIO (UB, ETS) program?  Yes  No

### SECTION 3: STUDENT'S ELIGIBILITY DATA

**Student's Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Name*
*Middle Initial*
*Last Name*
*Jr., etc.*

**Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Citizenship:**  US Citizen     Permanent Resident/In Process     Other \_\_\_\_\_

*If the student is not a US citizen, please provide copies of their Permanent Resident Card or Arrival-Departure Records.*

If you were not born in the US, where were you born? \_\_\_\_\_ When did you move to the US? \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION 4: FAMILY ELIGIBILITY DATA

**With whom does the student live (primarily)?**

- Both Biological Parents                       Legal Guardian(s)                       Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 One Biological Parent                       Foster Parent(s) *(please attach documentation of state custody & contact information)*  
 One Biological Parent + Stepparent                       Student is Homeless *(please attach McKinney-Vento certification)*

#### Parent/Legal Guardian 1 in Primary Residence

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Parent/Legal Guardian 2 in Primary Residence

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Highest Education Level (check one):**

- High School Diploma  
 Some College (no degree)  
 Certificate Program (no degree)  
 2 Year College Degree (Associate)  
 4 Year College Degree (Bachelor's)  
 Graduate Degree (Master's or Doctorate)

**Highest Education Level (check one):**

- High School Diploma  
 Some College (no degree)  
 Certificate Program (no degree)  
 2 Year College Degree (Associate)  
 4 Year College Degree (Bachelor's)  
 Graduate Degree (Master's or Doctorate)

#### Additional Persons Living in the Primary Residence

|    | Full Name | Relationship to Student | Age   |
|----|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| 1. | _____     | _____                   | _____ |
| 2. | _____     | _____                   | _____ |
| 3. | _____     | _____                   | _____ |
| 4. | _____     | _____                   | _____ |

*Attach additional sheet if more space is needed*

#### Parent/Guardian Income Verification

**Do you file a federal income tax return?**

- Yes → **Total Taxable Income** (Form 1040, page 1, line 11b): \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 No → Please attach a copy of the following: *end of year SSI statement or unemployment check-stub, most recent TANF or SNAP statement, or W-2s from all sources of income, or a personal statement explaining circumstances.*  
 N/A, student is in foster care, is a ward of the state, or is homeless.

### FOR OFFICE USE – ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

Citizenship     First Generation     Low-Income    \_\_\_\_\_ Director's Approval



