Admission to Upward Bound is limited and competitive. To be considered, a student must be:

**ADMISSION**

- a citizen of the United States or a permanent resident
- an individual whose parent(s) (natural or adoptive) do not have a four year college degree and/or from a family that meets low-income requirements set by the federal government
- entering or enrolled in the 8th, 9th or 10th grade at one of the following high schools:
  - Butte Valley
  - Etna
  - Tulelake
  - Yreka
  - Dunsmuir
  - Mt. Shasta
  - Weed
- in need of Upward Bound’s services to achieve academic success in high school & meet the requirements determined by the high school & state of California
- interested in enrolling in a college or university upon graduating from high school

We are one of more than 750 Upward Bound programs throughout the country. Since 1995, the College of the Siskiyous Upward Bound program has opened the door to a more prosperous future for over 200 high school students. Over 95% of COS Upward Bound graduates complete high school.

There is no cost to a student’s family for applying or for services provided. The Upward Bound Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education and also supported by the College of the Siskiyous and many school districts in Siskiyou County.

**OUR MISSION**

Upward Bound provides students who are low-income and/or first generation the skills & motivation necessary to complete high school & to enter & succeed in a program of postsecondary education.

A LEGACY OF SUCCESS

Over 80% of College of the Siskiyous Upward Bound graduates have entered public and private colleges throughout the country. Some of the 4 year colleges and universities include:

- California Polytechnic State Univ.
- San Jose State University
- California State University—Chico
- Sonoma State University
- California State University—Fresno
- Southern Oregon University
- California State University—Sac
- University of California - Berkeley
- Oregon State University
- University of California - Davis
- San Diego State University
- University of California – LA
- San Francisco State University
- University of California – San Diego

**UPWARD BOUND OFFERS**

- Academic and life skills preparation for college.
- Six week residential summer program including high school & college courses.
- Assistance in choosing and completing college admission applications.
- Support on applying for scholarships & financial aid.
- Workshops for students & parents on money management and SAT/ACT prep courses.
- Opportunities to be a part of community service, cultural events, & college tours.
- Study skill support & tutoring year round.
- Academic advising on high school and college courses.
- Individual & group counseling if desired.
- Strong alumni network to provide mentoring.
- Fee waivers for SAT’s and college applications.
- Incentives such as: stipend checks, awards and fun trips!

**CHALLENGE YOURSELF**

The Summer Component

In the summer, students participate in a six-week residential component. If selected, you will live in one of College of the Siskiyous’ lodges and will be supervised by a team of tutors and counselors. You will take classes in math, science, literature, writing and foreign language as well as college courses you select. You will also have time to participate in weekly social, service and cultural activities.

Personal Attention

The Upward Bound experience is demanding but the learning environment of Upward Bound will provide you with the guidance to meet those challenges. Your teachers and counselor will come to know your academic and personal strengths and will help you reach your full potential. Throughout the program, your assigned counselor will meet with you to discuss academic and personal issues. Parents are invited to be a part of this process, particularly as students prepare for the transition from high school to college.

Standards of Excellence

Students who meet the Upward Bound performance standards will advance through the program and graduate with an Upward Bound diploma. Final grades and academic awards received will be recorded on an official Upward Bound transcript that is provided to the high school and may earn you extra credit towards graduation. This transcript will also be provided to the colleges or universities and scholarship programs to which you apply. Upon graduation, students that are attending college will be able to earn an Upward Bound scholarship.
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"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
Eleanor Roosevelt

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