

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your son/daughter/ward has expressed interest in applying to UNH's Upward Bound Program (UB), a **free**, federally-funded program designed to help prepare eligible young people for college. The University of New Hampshire has sponsored a successful Upward Bound Program since 1966.

Determining Eligibility

UB must first determine if a student is eligible to apply for the program by reviewing the student's *Pre-Application* (attached). The program may only serve students who meet one or both of the following:

- a) The income of their parent(s)/guardian(s) does not exceed federal guidelines (see reverse)
- b) Their parent(s)/guardian(s) *have not graduated from* a 4-year college

Note: UB only takes into account the information of the parent(s)/guardian(s)/stepparents *with whom the student lives* in determining eligibility.

If either or both of these criteria are met, or if the student is a ward of the state, he/she is eligible to apply to Upward Bound. Please keep in mind, however, that being eligible for Upward Bound is **not** the same thing as being accepted into the program, it is just the first step in the process.

Beginning the Process

Please complete the attached *Pre-Application* and *Release* forms in order to begin this process. It is important that the student mail the forms back to us by the deadline indicated. After we receive your Pre-Application, we will determine your eligibility to apply to UB. If you are eligible, we will forward you an Application to complete. Certain students who have completed their applications by the deadline will be contacted for an interview.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 862-1563. If it is a toll call, you may use our toll-free number, 800-270-3848. You can also learn more about Upward Bound by visiting our web site at www.upwardbound.unh.edu.

Sincerely,

Dan Gordon
Director

Maximum Family Income* in 2008 for Upward Bound Eligibility
as of January, 2009 until further notice

Size of Family**	Taxable Income	Adjusted Gross Income†	
		Single/Head of Household	Married Filing Jointly
1	\$16,245	\$25,195	N/A
2	21,855	36,855	\$39,755
3	27,465	45,965	48,865
4	33,035	55,075	57,975
5	36,685	64,185	67,085
6	44,295	73,295	76,195
7	49,905	82,405	85,305
8	55,515	91,515	94,051

* For these purposes "family income" includes only the income of the parent(s)/ stepparents *with whom the student lives*.

** The "Size of Family" includes parent(s)/stepparents living with the students and their dependents (including the student).

†Adjusted Gross Income = Taxable Income + Deductions + (Size of Family) Exemption

Exemptions = \$3,500 per person

Deductions = \$5,450 Single or Married filing separately
\$8,000 Head of Household
\$10,900 Married Filing Jointly/Qualifying Widow(er)
OR total of itemized deductions