

MSU Upward Bound Program

Summer: Third Week of June through

Fourth Week Of July

Academic Year: October—May, Mondays:

3:00 P.M.—5:30 P.M.

Audience:

Ninth-twelfth grade students, from Lansing high schools, who are potentially first-generation college students and/or from low-income families and have the potential to succeed in college with academic support.

Funding:

U.S. Department of Education and MSU

Mission:

Upward Bound is designed to help high school students, who have a need for academic, social, cultural support, to develop the motivation and skills necessary for success in a post-secondary institution of higher education.

Objectives:

Participants will have achieved at a proficient level during high school on state assessments in reading/language arts and math.

Participants, with an expected graduation date during the school year, will enroll in postsecondary education by fall term immediately following the expected graduation date.

Participants who enroll in post-secondary education during the fall term immediately following high school graduation will be enrolled for the fall term of the second academic year.

Program Description:

Summer Program

Services during our Summer component include:

- Six week program at MSU Campus
- Educational field trips
- Courses in English, Math, Science and Spanish
- High school credit
- Residential living experience on campus
- One week educational study trip to a city such as Atlanta, New York or Chicago
- Weekly stipend for satisfactory program participation
- Work Study Program

Academic Year Program:

Services during our academic component include

- Weekly tutoring on Mondays at MSU
- Mentoring
- Enrichment activities—field trips
- Leadership training and conferences

- Academic, personal and career advising
- Entrance to Wharton Center performances
- Career Exploration
- Student Government
- Weekly stipend for satisfactory program participation
- ACT Preparation
- SAT Preparation

Impacts (2009-2010):

- 97% of the students were retained from program entry to present.
- 70% of the students have MEAP endorsements in reading or language arts or math.
- 90% of the seniors were accepted to college.
- 73% of the students who went to college enrolled the second academic year.

1999-2010

- 95% College Acceptance
- 81% College Enrollments

Additional Significant Information:

The MSU Office of Admissions established the "Upward Bound Legacy Award" fall semester of 2009. The award guarantees that tuition and fees will be covered through grants and scholarships during their undergraduate career (four years or eight semesters) if these expenses are unmet by their financial aid package.

Study Abroad:

This program honors students who are the most outstanding students during their time here at Upward Bound. Students are chosen with recommendations from the staff, their academic achievements from our summer program and their respective schools.

Past study aboard experiences have included Europe, Mexico, Jamaica, and Africa.

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