



***"The **future** belongs to those who **believe** in the beauty of their **dreams**."***  
***-Eleanor Roosevelt***

## **Get involved with the Fox Valley Collaborative Upward Bound Program!**

### **What is Upward Bound?**

Upward Bound is a pre-college program funded by the U.S. Department of Education to serve and assist low to moderate income and/or first-generation college students. Our goal is to provide the support and resources to help students develop the skills, self-confidence and motivation necessary to succeed in higher education, career, and adult life.

Program objectives:

- Assist students in achieving proficient levels on state assessment tests in reading/language arts and math.
- Ensure that students who enroll in Upward Bound continue participation until they graduate from high school.
- Ensure that students successfully enroll in a post-secondary institution after completing high school.
- Ensure that students who go on to a college, university or technical college will continue until they earn a post-secondary degree.

### **What services does Upward Bound Offer?**

**School Year Programming:** (Sept-May)

- Weekly academic tutoring provided on-site at your high school.
- Monthly Saturday Programs, held at Fox Valley Technical College, consisting of academic enrichment, speakers, leadership activities, field trips, cultural programs, college tours, and more.
- Ongoing mentoring and support services

**Summer Programming:** (June-July)

- 5-week (daily) summer program held at Fox Valley Technical College.
  - Students will participate in four academic courses, including lab science, mathematics, literature/composition, and foreign language.
  - Students will also choose from career or arts and culture electives.
- 1-week residential college immersion experience held at Lawrence University.
- End of summer trip: Students successfully completing our summer program are taken on a trip to a major U.S. city. The trip will focus on college tours, cultural activities, and fun!

**Other Benefits:**

- Assistance with PSAT, ACT, or SAT testing.
- Assistance with college selection, application, admission and financial aid process.

**Who is Eligible?**

Eligible students must attend the Neenah, Menasha, or Appleton School districts. Because this is a new program, only youth in grades 9-10 are currently invited to apply. (8th graders may apply to enter summer program, after completing academic year.) Students accepted into the program may continue participation throughout 4 years of high school. There are 60 slots available each year. If the program is full, eligible students may join a waiting list.

**To be considered for this program:**

- Families must meet Federal Income Requirements **AND/OR** student must be a 1<sup>st</sup> generation college student (parents do not have a four-year college degree).
- *High potential for college success.* Although this is not a remedial program, 33% of students accepted into the program must show a need for academic assistance (currently below 2.5 GPA, or fall below proficiency standards on state testing). However, they must demonstrate commitment to improvement.

**How much does participation cost?**

There is **NO COST** to participants. All expenses, including food, transportation, travel, and all related fees are paid for by the Upward Bound program. The only requirement from Upward Bound students and their families is a strong commitment to the program.

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