



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

**Make your dreams a reality! Get involved in the new 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 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 Enrichment 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 two career-focused or arts/culture electives.
- 1-week residential College immersion experience held at Lawrence University.
- End of Summer Trip: Students successfully completing summer enrichment programs are invited to attend an out-of state trip to a location such as Chicago or Washington, DC. The trip will focus on College tours, cultural activities, and fun!
- Students participating in summer programming may receive a financial stipend.

### **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, students must meet 2 or more of these guidelines:**

- Low to moderate income/Eligible for free or reduced school lunch. (Family at or below 150% of poverty guidelines.)
- Potential 1<sup>st</sup> generation college student. (Parents do not have a four-year college degree.)
- Need for academic help.

### **How much does participation cost?**

There is NO COST to the 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.

### **How can I get involved?**

To receive an application, or ask further questions, contact:

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128 North Oneida Street, Appleton, WI  
(920) 882-4056  
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**Or ask your Guidance Counselor or Principal for more information!**