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UPWARD BOUND

A FEDERAL TRIO PROGRAM

NEW SCHOLAR APPLICATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE for ALL APPLICANTS: February 21, 2017

Applicant: _____
Last Name *First Name* *M.I.*

Class of: _____
Graduation Year

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UPWARD BOUND APPLICATION CHECKLIST

2016-2017 Academic Year

Thank you for your interest in the Rutgers-Newark Upward Bound Program. The Upward Bound Program is committed to enhance each Scholar's opportunity to successfully graduate from High School and complete a post-secondary education. With adequate preparation, guidance, engagement and empowerment, those Scholars who are committed will excel in their studies and every option presented to them. Through educational enrichment, leadership development, and community outreach, the Upward Bound Scholars will mature both personally and academically and create an environment that inspires change in their communities.

It is the goal of the Rutgers University-Newark Upward Bound Program to ensure that all our Scholars actualize their full potential and pursue their lifelong ambitions.

Who Can Participate / Eligibility

- High School Students between the ages of 14-18 who reside and/or currently attending: East Orange STEM Academy; East Orange Campus High; or Cicely L. Tyson Community School of the Performing & Fine Arts High School.
- Students who are potential first generation college bound
- Neither parent/guardian can currently possess a Bachelor's Degree
- Students who meet the low-income requirements as defined by the Federal Government (<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/incomelevels.html>)
- Students who are U.S. Citizens, permanent residents or in the process of applying for permanent residency
- Students with a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Students who want to pursue higher education and show commitment to their studies
- Students who demonstrate the potential for academic success and personal growth

Please return complete application to:

Mailing Address:

Rutgers University-Newark
Academic Foundations Center
Upward Bound Program
110 Warren Street, Room 119
Newark, New Jersey 07102

or

Drop Off Application with Your Guidance Counselor

Applications will be accepted through February 21, 2017. We encourage scholars to apply early. Family interviews will occur on a rolling basis, with final decisions made by March 2017.

UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY - NEWARK

Deadline: 2/21/2017

PART 1: STUDENT INFORMATION

Name _____ Gender Female Male
LAST FIRST M.I.

Address _____
STREET/APT. # CITY STATE ZIP

E-mail Address _____ Cell Phone Number (_____) _____

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Social Security Number: ____ -- ____ -- ____
MONTH DAY YEAR

Place of Birth _____

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No If not a U.S. citizen, are you a permanent resident of the U.S.? Yes No

If you are a non-resident, please indicate your visa type: _____

Racial/Ethnic Background: (Check ONE)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Two or More Races |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian | |

Are you fluent in another Language(s)? Yes No If Yes, please specify: _____

Are you participating in the free or reduced lunch program at school? Yes No
 Free Reduced Denied Does not Apply

Have you ever been in another Upward Bound or Talent Search Program before? Yes No
If yes, at what institution and when? _____

Are you currently part of another college access/preparatory program? Yes No
If yes, what program: _____

***NOTE: You Must Attach a Copy of the following Documents**

- Copy of Birth Certificate/Official passport
- Copy of Social Security Card
- Copy of Permanent Resident Card (if applicable, front & back)
- Current School Report Card
- Official School Transcript
- Most Recent Tax Transcript for (Request on www.irs.gov)
- Benefits Letter from Social Security and/or Social Services for 2015 (if applicable)

PART 2: ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Current High School or Academy: _____

Guidance Counselor: _____ Counselor Ph. Number: _____

Current Grade Level: 9th 10th 11th

Current GPA: _____ SAT Scores (if Applicable): Math _____ Verbal _____ Writing _____

Do you plan to attend college? Yes No Undecided

If yes, which college/institution(s) are you interested in visiting?

Which professional career(s) are you interested in?

List two (2) favorite subjects: _____, _____

List two (2) subjects you find the most challenging: _____, _____

List awards/ honors you have received: _____

List previous volunteer experience: _____

Please Check All Math and Science Courses Taken In High School:

Algebra I Geometry Algebra II Pre-calculus Calculus General Science Biology Chemistry
 Physics Other: _____ (Please Specify)

Are you receiving native language instructional support services (e.g. ESL, ELL classes)? Yes No

Are you currently taking honors/advanced classes? Yes No
_____ (Please Specify)

Program Eligibility and Needs Assessment:

In what areas do you need help from the Rutgers-Newark Upward Bound Program: (Please select all that apply)

- College Entry Information Improving Grades Overall Assistance with Educational/Career Goals
 Tutoring Services/Resources Financial Literacy Information Test Taking Skills (standardized tests)
 Financial Aid Information
 Other: _____

PART 3: FAMILY BACKGROUND

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Adult #1 Name

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Home Ph.: (____) _____

Cell Ph.: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Work Ph.: (____) _____

Employer: _____

E-mail _____

Highest level of education **completed** by Adult #1

(please check only one)

- Less than high school
- High school GED
- Community College (2-Year College Degree)
- Bachelor's Degree (4-Year College Degree)

Is there legal documentation preventing the parent from accessing the student's record? Yes No

Adult #2 Name

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Home Ph.: (____) _____

Cell Ph.: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Work Ph.: (____) _____

Employer: _____

E-mail _____

Highest level of education **completed** by Adult #2

(please check only one)

- Less than high school
- High school GED
- Community College (2-Year College Degree)
- Bachelor's Degree (4-Year College Degree)

Is there legal documentation preventing the parent from accessing the student's record? Yes No

With whom does the student live?

- Both Parents Mother Father
- Stepparent (specify) _____
- Foster Parent(s) Group Home
- Guardian (specify) _____

Total Number Living at Home: _____ (Parents/Primary Caretaker, siblings and other Family members)

Emergency Contact Information (i.e., person over the age of 21 that is not in the same residence)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone Number: _____

PART 4: PARENT/GUARDIAN FINANCIAL INFORMATION

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Check box if applicant is a Foster Child/Ward of the Court. Skip income information below.

The U.S. Department of Education provides funding for the Upward Bound Program and requires that the Program gather this data in order to determine student admission eligibility. This information will only need to be provided at time of admission. We cannot accept applications without proof of income. The information you give us will be kept confidential.

1. Did you file a Federal Income Tax Return LAST year? Yes No

If "yes" please enclose a copy of the first THREE Pages of last year's Federal 1040, 1040-A or 1040EZ tax form.

If "no" please complete the information in question #2.

TOTAL TAXABLE INCOME (from federal tax return): \$ _____

FAMILY SIZE (on taxes) in 2015: _____

Children: (Include only if living with or supported by family)

Name	M/F Age	Attending School or College Full Time?
1. _____	___ / ___	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. _____	___ / ___	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. _____	___ / ___	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4. _____	___ / ___	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

2. If you did not file an income tax form last year or you are a recipient of public assistance, please indicate the source and the TOTAL amount of any and all income you received last tax year for each of the sources listed below

Please remember to enclose a copy of any documentation that proves the income(s) source(s) that you list below

Self-employment	\$ _____	Unemployment	\$ _____
Social Security	\$ _____	Disability Payments	\$ _____
TANF	\$ _____	SNAP/Food Stamp	\$ _____

PLEASE SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT INCOME TAX RETURN ALONG WITH THIS APPLICATION or PROOF OF ANY OTHER INCOME RECEIVED. YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE WITHOUT PROOF OF INCOME.

PART 6: PERSONAL STATEMENT

(Please Print / Use Ink)

In an essay format (must be at least 300 words) please answer **one** of the following three questions:

1. What personal attributes and characteristics will make you likely to succeed in the Rutgers University – Newark Upward Bound Project?
2. What are your future goals/career aspirations and how will Upward Bound help you to meet those goals?
3. What do you see as an obstacle in gaining higher education and how will you overcome this?

PART 7: CERTIFICATION

***** IMPORTANT SIGNATURE ****

By signing below, we/I certify that all of the information given in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false or misleading information may result in disqualification of the applicant.

Applicant: I declare that all essays and responses submitted are my own work. I further certify that I will, if admitted, remain active in the Rutgers-Newark Upward Bound Program until graduation.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Privacy Statement

The Department of Education is authorized to collect information to implement the Upward Bound program under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. In accordance with this authority, the Department receives and maintains personal information on participants in the Upward Bound program. The principle purpose for collecting this information is to administer the program, including tracking and evaluating participants' academic progress. The information that is collected on this form will be retained in the program files and may be released to other Department officials in the performance of official duties.

Thank you for completing this application for the Upward Bound Program at Rutgers University- Newark



Please Note: Once all forms are received, including a copy of the income documentation, the Upward Bound Office will contact the applicant to schedule an interview and placement test. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application package is completed and signed.

Authorization for Release of Academic Record/Transcript

To Parent/Guardian: Please complete and sign this form if you authorize disclosure of your student's educational records to the Upward Bound Program at Rutgers University-Newark.

Student Name: _____ Grade Level _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ School ID: _____
MONTH DAY YEAR

High School Name:

- East Orange Campus High
- East Orange STEM Academy
- Cicely L. Tyson Community School of the Performing & Fine Arts High School

I hereby voluntarily authorize the school to release information to Rutgers University-Newark Upward Bound Program. Specifically, I authorize disclosure of the following information or category of information – class schedules, standardized test scores (NJ ASK, PARCC, and NJ Biology Competency Exam), quarterly report cards, end-of-year transcripts, disciplinary actions, evaluations, attendance history and medical records for the purposes of evaluating eligibility for admission and participation. This authorization will remain in effect from the date it is executed until revoked by me, _____, in writing, and delivered to the Upward Bound Program at Rutgers University-Newark.

Name _____ Gender? Female Male
LAST FIRST M.I.

Address _____
STREET/APT. # CITY STATE ZIP

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

To the School: The student above is applying, or is a participant of, the Rutgers University-Newark Upward Bound Program. Please forward copies of the student's educational records (including academic records and current/past services) to:

Upward Bound Program

Nelson A. Rodriguez
Director, TRiO Upward Bound Program
Rutgers University-Newark
Academic Foundations Center
110 Warren Street, Bradley Hall 1st Floor
Newark, New Jersey 07102
Telephone: (973) 353-3563
Fax: (973) 353-5700
Nelson.Rodriguez@rutgers.edu

Counselor Recommendation Form

To the counselor: The Upward Bound program is a free, federally-funded college access program designed to prepare and motivate students with academic potential for success in postsecondary education. Your evaluation of the nominee is extremely helpful to us during the admission process. Thank you for your feedback!

Counselor's Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Years known scholar: _____ Email: _____

Academic Work Habits:

Good performance: _____
Capable of Better Work: _____
Needs increased preparation: _____

Attitude and Behavior In & Out of Classroom:

Polite and Respectful: _____
Well-Mannered: _____
Attentive to Suggestions: _____
Disruptive/Inattentive in Class: _____
Displays no interest toward learning: _____
Disrespectful: _____

Are you aware of any disciplinary violations or behavioral problems the student is dealing with? If yes, please explain:

Are you aware of any family circumstances that presently affect or have affected the applicant's life at school?

Please list any other agencies involved with the child/family:

Since _____

Since _____

For ESL students:

Compared to native English speakers in the same grade level, this student's English WRITING skills are:

Better Same Not as good

Compared to native English speakers in the same grade level, this student's English READING skills are:

Better Same Not as good

Please add any additional information, comments or special circumstances that may be helpful in evaluating the qualifications of this applicant.

Counselor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teacher Recommendation Form

To the teacher: The Upward Bound program is a free, federally-funded college access program designed to prepare and motivate students with academic potential for success in postsecondary education. Your evaluation of the nominee is extremely helpful to us during the admission process. Thank you for your feedback!

Teacher's Name: _____ Class/Subject: _____

Years known scholar: _____ Phone No.: _____ Email: _____

Academic Work Habits:

Good performance: _____
 Capable of Better Work: _____
 Needs increased preparation: _____

Attitude and Behavior In & Out of Classroom:

Displays interest: _____
 More effort needed: _____
 Disruptive in class: _____
 Inattentive in class: _____

Please evaluate the student on each characteristic by checking the appropriate rating

	High	Average	Low	N/A
Completes Assignments	___	___	___	___
Intellectual Ability	___	___	___	___
Creativity/Ingenuity	___	___	___	___
Grasp of Course Work	___	___	___	___
Vocal Expression	___	___	___	___
Written Expression	___	___	___	___
Initiative	___	___	___	___
Emotional Maturity	___	___	___	___
Cooperation	___	___	___	___
Classroom Attendance	___	___	___	___

Considering all the aspects of the applicant's qualification, I would evaluate his/her probable success in the Upward Bound program as follows:

Excellent
 Above Average
 Average
 Below Average
 Poor

Please add any additional information, comments or special circumstances that may be helpful in evaluating the qualifications of this applicant.

Teacher Signature: _____ Date: _____