



Priority Application Deadlines
December 1, 2025 for Spring 2026
April 15, 2026 for Summer 2026

Upward Bound at Boston University INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION

Upward Bound is a federally-funded TRIO year-round program that provides academic support to low-income and/or first-generation college bound students. To qualify students need to either meet TRIO low-income guidelines or be first-generation college, meaning neither parent has obtained a U.S. bachelor's degree. Additionally, to qualify, students must have at least started the ninth grade and either attend one of the program's target high schools that include Brighton, the Community Academy of Science and Health, English, Margarita Muñiz Academy and Snowden or attend a public school and live in one of the program's target neighborhoods that include Dorchester, East Boston, Mattapan, and Roxbury. *Students attending the target high schools are given priority in the admissions process.* For more information, go to www.bu.edu/ub.

Dear Student:

Please follow these steps in completing your application and **use the check boxes as you complete each step:**

- ☐ Review the program calendar on *page 2* to make sure you can participate in all program dates.
- ☐ Fill in your personal information on the *page 3*.
- ☐ Please be sure to complete the short application essays, which are located on *page 4*.
- ☐ Choose a high school teacher who knows your work as a student and ask him or her to write a short letter of recommendation. You should give this person the attached letter of recommendation form on *page 8*.
- ☐ You and your parents or legal guardian should complete the release of student information on *page 10*. Please ask your guidance counselor for a copy of your complete high school transcript and copies of your most recent MCAS and BPS test scores.
- ☐ You and your parents or legal guardian should complete the data sheet on *page 6*. You will also need to submit one of the following: a copy of your United States birth certificate, permanent resident card, or United States passport.
- ☐ Ask your parent or legal guardian to fill out and sign the statement of family income form on *page 7*. Your parent will also need to submit income verification (see enclosed form on *page 7* for examples).
- ☐ Ask your parent or legal guardian to read and sign the parental consent, waiver and release on *page 5*.
- ☐ You and your parent or legal guardian should complete the required expectations for student participation on *page 9*.
- ☐ You and your parent may choose to complete and sign the media release form on *page 11*.
- ☐ Students who do not attend a target school will need to provide proof of address (e.g., utility bill).
- ☐ You may return the completed application to your school guidance counselor, or directly to Upward Bound. Applications can also be emailed to reggie@bu.edu or faxed to (617) 353-2395. Once we receive your complete application, we will contact you to arrange an interview. At least one of your parents or legal guardians must accompany you to the interview.

Please feel free to contact us at 617-353-3551 with any questions. I look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely, Reggie Jean

Do not e-mail any pages or supporting documents that contain a Social Security Number. Please fax such documents to (617) 353-2395, mail, or hand deliver these items instead. (See address on top of page.)

**Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math Science
Calendar 2025 – 2026**

Fall Semester 2025

September 22

Student Fall Assembly & Registration* 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

***Please note:** Students will not be able to register by phone. Students who cannot attend the student assembly must call the office at (617) 353-3551 to make other arrangements.

September 29

Afterschool Program Begins

October 13

Indigenous People's Day Holiday, No Program

November 11

Veteran's Day Holiday Observed, No Program

November 17 - 21

Upward Bound Gear Week. Wear your UB & UBMS Gear to School/UB

November 26 – 28

Thanksgiving Holiday Observed, No Program

December 12

Last Day of the UB Semester

Spring Semester 2026

January 19

MLK Jr. Day, No Program

January 20

New Student Orientation and Registration* 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Location TBD

January 21

Returning Student Spring Assembly & Registration* 4:00 p.m. – 5:30
Location TBD

***Please note:** Students will not be able to register by phone. Students who cannot attend student registration must call the office at (617) 353-3551 to make other arrangements.

January 26

Classes and Study Hall Begin

February 16 – 20

February Vacation, UBMS Science Week, No Afterschool Program

March 21

UB and UBMS mid-term grades due

March 24

MCAS ELA Transitions to MCAS Math Test Prep Classes. (MCAS Math class begins this week)

March 28

Spring Parent Open House (Saturday, 10 a.m. – Noon)

April 3

Good Friday Holiday, No Program

April 20 – 24

April Vacation, UBMS Science Week, No Afterschool Program

May 8

Final Grades Due and Last Day of the Semester

May 11 – 15

Summer Placement Testing*

Summer 2026*

June 6

Summer Parent Open House

June 19

Juneteenth Holiday Observed – Boston University closed

June 21

Summer Program Begins*

July 4

Independence Day Holiday Observed – Students return the evening of Sunday, July 5.

July 31

Summer Program Ends*

Students and families should not make any vacation plans between June 21 and July 31. Students are expected to participate in all summer program classes and activities. Please try to schedule medical appointments for Fridays after 2pm.

***Please Note:** Extenuating circumstances and/or inclement weather may necessitate changes to the calendar. Visit www.facebook.com/BUUpwardBound for updates.



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**Upward Bound at Boston University
2025 - 2026 APPLICATION**

(Please print or type)

Date: _____ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female (For reporting purposes to the US Department of Education)

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

Student Date of Birth: _____ Student Social Security Number*: _____

Name of High School: _____ Grade: _____

High School I.D. Number: _____ Name of High School Counselor: _____

Home Address _____
(Street) (Apt. No.)

(City) (Zip Code)

Home Phone: _____ Student Cell Phone: _____

Parent or Guardian Phone: _____ ☐ Cell ☐ Work

Student e-mails: _____

Parent e-mail: _____

Parent 1 (including Adoptive Parent)	Parent 2 (including Adoptive Parent)	Legal Guardian 1 (If other than Parent)	Legal Guardian 2 (If other than Parent)
<input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Name: _____	Relationship to student: _____ Name: _____	Relationship to student: _____ Name: _____
Living: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Lives with Student: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Living: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Lives with Student: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Lives with Student: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Lives with Student: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Please **check one box** below that best indicates how you first learned about BU Upward Bound:

☐ Guidance Counselor ☐ Presentation at school ☐ A Friend or Relative _____
☐ A Newspaper Advertisement ☐ Upward Bound website ☐ HS Teacher: _____
☐ Summer Stuff ☐ Community Leader/Clergy ☐ Other (specify): _____

This page includes a Social Security Number. **Do not e-mail this page.** Fax, hand-deliver, or mail.

*The program uses this information for participants' stipends and for performance reporting purposes to the U.S. Department of Education.

Check one box below that represents the highest level of education that you (the student) expect to complete:

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> High School | <input type="checkbox"/> Career or Vocational Degree Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Two-year College |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four-year College | <input type="checkbox"/> Master's Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral Degree |

If any, what college majors or careers are you considering: _____

Please complete the following essays, which are started for you. (Attach additional pages if needed)

I would like to be selected to participate in Upward Bound because... (You might want to write about the hopes you may have for continuing your education beyond high school, what you want to gain from the program, which high school subjects you like, and which subjects you would like some help with.)

I think that you will want to choose me as a participant because I... (You might want to tell us of a particular interest or of a special skill or talent, if you have participated in a special project with your community or school, how you relate to others, or if you are a hard worker.)

Please check all boxes below that represent any other college access programs in which you currently participate or have recently applied:

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Artists for Humanity | <input type="checkbox"/> College Bound | <input type="checkbox"/> SquashBusters | Search |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bottom Line | <input type="checkbox"/> Freedom House | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Search | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Build | <input type="checkbox"/> GEAR-UP | <input type="checkbox"/> Tenacity | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> buildOn | <input type="checkbox"/> Harvard Crimson | <input type="checkbox"/> Thrive Scholars | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Pine Manor Institute | <input type="checkbox"/> TRIO Talent | |

Student's Signature

Date

PARENTAL CONSENT, WAIVER & RELEASE

DATA SHEET

1. Applicant's name _____

2. If you wish to be identified with a particular racial and ethnic group, please check the following:
(Please note this information is used solely for reporting purposes to the United States Department of Education)

Please mark one or more of the following racial identities:

_____ American Indian or Native American _____ Asian
 _____ Black or African American _____ White
 _____ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Please mark one of the following ethnic identities:

_____ Hispanic or Latino _____ Not Hispanic or Latino

3. Is English your first language? [] Yes [] No

4. Is English the primary language spoken at home? [] Yes [] No

If no, what language is spoken at home:

☐ Spanish ☐ Haitian Creole ☐ Chinese (specify dialect: _____)
☐ Vietnamese ☐ Somali ☐ Cape Verdean Creole ☐ Portuguese
☐ Arabic ☐ Other; please specify: _____

5. **Verification** of United States citizenship or residency. **Attach a copy of one of the following documents:**

_____ Permanent Resident Registration Card # _____

_____ U.S. Birth Certificate or U.S. Passport # _____

_____ Naturalization Paper # _____

6. Please **indicate the highest educational attainment of each parent or legal guardian** listed on page 3 below by writing each parent/legal guardian name on the first line and putting an X in the box that represents the highest level of education in the U.S. completed by the parent or legal guardian:

	Parent 1 (including Adoptive Parent)	Parent 2 (including Adoptive Parent)	Legal Guardian 1	Legal Guardian 2
Please write parent or legal guardians' name(s) in this space →				
Below 8th grade				
Completed 8th grade				
Graduated from high school				
Graduated from a 2 yr. college				
Graduated from 4 yr. college (Bachelor's)				
Degree beyond the Bachelor's				

Certification: All of the information on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If asked by an authorized official, I agree to give proof of the information that we have given on this application. I also realize that purposely giving false or misleading information on this application may result in a fine, a prison sentence, or both. I also realize that if I do not give proof when asked, that my child will be denied admittance to Upward Bound at Boston University.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian_____
Date

STATEMENT OF FAMILY INCOME

The student's parent or legal guardian must complete this statement. Please answer the questions below and sign the certification that follows. To be income eligible for Upward Bound, a student's family **taxable income** for the year prior cannot exceed 150 percent of the poverty level. For specifics and the taxable income levels, please visit <https://www.ed.gov/about/ed-offices/ope/trio/federal-trio-programs-current-year-low-income-levels>.

Parent's or Legal Guardian's Name: _____

For Students Applying in Calendar Year 2025	For Students Applying in Calendar Year 2026
<p>1. Did your family receive any of the following in 2024? (Please circle responses)</p> <p>SNAP/food stamps Yes No</p> <p>TAFDC Yes No</p> <p><u>Note: If you answer "Yes" to any part of question #1, please attach written documentation from a government agency that verifies your family's receipt of benefits and skip to the certification below.</u> Such agencies can include the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance. (To request an income verification letter from DTA call 1-877-382-2363.) <u>If you answered no to all parts of question #1, please complete questions 2 and 3 along with certification below.</u></p> <p>2. Please enter the <u>total</u> number of people in your household in 2024. _____</p> <p>3. Please enter your family's 2024 annual <u>taxable</u> income. _____</p> <p><u>Note: Taxable income can be found on line 15 of the 2024 IRS Form 1040. Please attach a photocopy of your 2024 US tax return and sign and date the certification below.</u></p>	<p>1. Did your family receive any of the following in 2025? (Please circle response)</p> <p>SNAP/food stamps Yes No</p> <p>TAFDC Yes No</p> <p><u>Note: If you answer "Yes" to any part of question #1, please attach written documentation from a government agency that verifies your family's receipt of benefits and skip to the certification below.</u> Such agencies can include the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance. (To request an income verification letter from DTA call 1-877-382-2363.) <u>If you answered no to all parts of question #1, please complete questions 2 and 3 along with certification below.</u></p> <p>2. Please enter the <u>total</u> number of people in your household in 2025. _____</p> <p>3. Please enter your family's 2025 annual <u>taxable</u> income. _____</p> <p><u>Note: Taxable income can be found on line 15 of the 2025 IRS Form 1040. Please attach a photocopy of your 2025 tax return and sign and date the certification below.</u></p>

Certification: All of the information on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If asked by an authorized official, I agree to give proof of the information that we have given on this application. I also realize that purposely giving false or misleading information on this application may result in a fine, prison sentence, or both. I also realize that if I do not give proof when asked, that my child will be denied admittance to Upward Bound at Boston University.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Supporting documentation for this page, such as tax returns, may include Social Security Numbers. **Do not e-mail any documents that include Social Security Numbers.** These documents should be faxed to (617) 353-2395, dropped-off at the UB office, or mailed.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

TO THE STUDENT: Please separate this sheet from the rest of application and give to a high school teacher/school counselor to fill out. Students can submit other parts of the application to Upward Bound before the recommendation is submitted.

TO THE HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OR SCHOOL COUNSELOR:

Upward Bound is a higher educational opportunity program offered by Boston University. During the academic year, the students come to Boston University for afternoon classes and tutoring. During the summer, the students live on the Boston University campus and have a full-time schedule of rigorous academic activities for six weeks.

Please assess the above student's potential to be a successful participant in the program. We would appreciate your comments on the student's ability in any of the following areas: initiative, sense of responsibility, intellectual curiosity and imagination, desire to go to college, writing and oral expression, working with and relating to others, common sense and good judgment, and persistence to carry through on tasks. Please indicate how long you have known the student and name the course in which you have had the student.

You may return this recommendation to the student, email it to reggie@bu.edu, fax it to 617 353-2395, or mail or hand deliver it directly to:

Boston University Upward Bound
Two Silber Way, Room 431
Boston, MA 02215

If you prefer, you can submit the recommendation on-line at
https://bostonu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8oiqkvM4dqrptZk.

Thank you for your time and for your support of this student.

Please feel free to email, write your recommendation on the reverse side of this form, or attach your recommendation to this form.

Teacher's Signature _____

Date: _____

Teacher's Name _____

Title _____

Teacher's Email _____

REQUIRED EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION

I understand that Upward Bound requires students to do the following:

1. **Students are expected to remain in Upward Bound through high school graduation.**
2. **Students are required to participate in both the six-week summer program and the after-school program.**
 - During the summer program students live in a residence hall on the Boston University campus from Sunday night through Friday afternoon.
 - During the school year, students commute to the Boston University campus after school for weekly tutoring, enrichment classes like MCAS or SAT test preparation, and workshops to assist with the college and financial aid application process.
3. **Students are expected to follow the rules and regulations of Upward Bound and Boston University.** Full copies of the Upward Bound rules and regulations are distributed at the start of the fall semester, spring semester and summer program, and are also available upon request. Students and parents are expected to read the full version of the program's rules and regulations. The program rules can be summarized as follows:
 - Students are expected to earn at least the grade of a C in all of their high school classes each marking term. If a student earns a grade below a C, Upward Bound will place them on academic probation. Any student on academic probation for three consecutive marking terms could be dismissed from the program.
 - Students are graded for their Upward Bound enrichment classes on a scale of 1-5 and are expected to maintain at least a 3.
 - Students are expected to be on time and prepared for all program classes and activities.
 - Students are expected to show respect for themselves and to others at all times.
 - Students are expected to follow reasonable staff directives.
 - Students are not allowed to have non-program friends as visitors on the Boston University campus while participating in Upward Bound.
 - Students are expected to inform Upward Bound staff of their whereabouts and during the summer program students are required to sign-in and out of the resident hall after 7 p.m.
 - Students are expected to observe the program's curfew and lights-out policy during the summer program.
 - Students may not use cell phones or other mobile communication devices during classes or other program activities.
 - Students are not allowed to leave the Boston University campus during the summer program without parent permission. (Try to schedule summer doctor appointments for Friday afternoons).
 - Students will be dismissed for any of the following infractions: possession or use of illegal drugs, alcohol, weapons, or fireworks; physical violence or the threat of physical violence; intentional destruction of property (including graffiti); taking of someone else's property without their permission; and during the summer students are not allowed in the dormitory tower reserved for the opposite sex nor are they allowed to use the dormitory or dining hall outside of approved times.

I have read and understand the required expectations for student participation.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Signature of Student

Date



RELEASES OF STUDENT INFORMATION – REQUIRED

Permission to Release Student Information to Upward Bound

I, _____, the parent/legal guardian of _____ do hereby permit the release of my son/daughter's academic records including but not limited to courses, grades, individual education plans, standardized test scores, and proof of graduation to Upward Bound at Boston University for the purposes of tracking student progress, and compiling and reporting data to the United States Department of Education, Office of Post-Secondary Education. I understand that the United States Department of Education requires Upward Bound at Boston University to report on my child's academic progress through either his or her graduation from college or for at least four years after my child's high school graduation.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

I, _____, do hereby permit the release of my academic records including but not limited to courses, grades, individual education plans, standardized test scores, and proof of graduation to Upward Bound at Boston University for the purposes of tracking student progress, and compiling and reporting data to the United States Department of Education, Office of Post-Secondary Education. I understand that the United States Department of Education requires Upward Bound at Boston University to report on my academic progress through either my graduation from college or for at least four years after my high school graduation.

Student's Signature

Date

Permission for Upward Bound to Release Student Information to External Partners

I, _____, the parent/legal guardian of _____ do hereby permit Upward Bound at Boston University to release the academic records about my son/daughter and his/her participation in Upward Bound to the Boston Public Schools, the Massachusetts Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, and to the U.S. Department of Education for legitimate educational interests and to release the following information about my son/daughter to Boston Afterschool and Beyond (<http://www.bostonbeyond.org>) for purposes of a Summer Measurement project (<http://bostonbeyond.org/data-measurement/>): name, date of birth, race/ethnicity, high school, student ID number, and home zip code.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

I, _____, do hereby permit Upward Bound at Boston University to release the academic records about me and my participation in Upward Bound to the Boston Public Schools, the Massachusetts Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, and to the U.S. Department of Education for legitimate educational interests and to release the following information about me to Boston Afterschool and Beyond (<http://www.bostonbeyond.org>) for purposes of a Summer Measurement project (<http://bostonbeyond.org/data-measurement/>): name, date of birth, race/ethnicity, high school, student ID number, and home zip code.

Student's Signature

Date

MEDIA RELEASE - OPTIONAL

I hereby give my permission to Boston University to photograph, film, videotape and/or make sound recordings of my child, to quote or publish statements of my child and to use such photographs, films, videotapes, sound recordings and/or other statements in Boston University educational and promotional/advertising materials and for other purposes specified below. I understand that my child may be identified in any photographs, news stories or publications that Boston University considers appropriate for release to magazines, newspapers, Boston University's World Wide Web site, and/or other publications. I further understand that any such photographs, films, videotapes, sound recordings and/or written works are the property of Boston University and that neither my child nor I am entitled to any compensation for or rights in these materials.

I release Boston University from all liability with respect to the matters covered by this release.

Child's Name: _____

Parent's or Legal Guardian's Name: _____

Parent's or Legal Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____