

To participate in the Upward Bound Program, you are agreeing to commit yourself to certain requirements, and your parents commit to assisting you with those obligations. The Upward Bound staff commits to provide you a strong academic, cultural, and collegiate program. Read the statements below to understand what is expected of you. You must agree to the following terms to remain in the Upward Bound Program.

Please initial each statement as you read it.

Student Guardian

- _____ _____ I commit myself to take control of things and events in my life, realizing that **I can make things happen for myself**. I can do things, and not have things done to or for me.
- _____ _____ I have read, understand, and will **adopt the UB Philosophy**. I will show positive, respectful attitudes and behaviors with all students and staff in the program. I will be friendly, helpful, and sharing with others in the program.
- _____ _____ **I will attend and participate in all Upward Bound activities** – meetings, academic coaching/tutoring sessions, cultural and educational activities, workshops etc. – throughout the academic and summer programs. If I do not have a ride, I understand that I must find one or contact the UB office to arrange transportation. I also understand that I may be required to make up a session or meeting by doing an assignment even if I have an excused absence.
- _____ _____ **I will reach and maintain a 2.5 grade point average or higher** and understand that I will be required to attend weekly academic coaching/tutoring if my GPA falls below a 2.5 grade point average or if any grade falls below a (C-). Failure to attend academic coaching/tutoring when required could result in my termination from the program.
- _____ _____ **I will follow the 4-year high school course plan** as outlined in the Student Academic Section of the Student Handbook and by taking college preparation classes during my high school years.
- _____ _____ I will **achieve at the proficient level on the State Exam** during my Junior or Senior Year of High School, and will try my best to do as well as I can on any practice college admission tests (such as ACT or SAT.)
- _____ _____ I will **graduate from high school** and will provide follow-up information to UB for 6 years after I graduate from high school.
- _____ _____ I will **enroll in college the fall semester after I graduate** from high school, and I will graduate from college with at least a Bachelor’s Degree within 6 years of enrolling in college.
- _____ _____ I understand that to **attend a college visit**, I must get the absence approved by my school.
- _____ _____ I understand that my eligibility to attend events and trips may depend on my academic and program standing. I understand that this means that **I can be denied to go on a trip based off of my program participation and grades**.
- _____ _____ I understand that I **earn my stipend** by maintaining academic standards and program expectations set by Upward Bound as outlined in the Student handbook.
- _____ _____ I understand that **if I have a job**, that I will not let it interfere with Upward Bound activities and my academics. I will request off from my job to attend workshops and activities when they are required.
- _____ _____ I will meet all requirements such as **turning in all forms when due**, being on time, and meeting other obligations assigned to me.
- _____ _____ I have read, understand and agree to follow the **expectations and rules as listed in the Upward Bound Handbook** and understand that I will be responsible for the consequences if I do not follow these expectations and rules. I understand that failure to meet these commitments could result in my being released from the Upward Bound program at any given time.

Student Signature: _____

Date _____

Guardian Signature: _____

Date _____