Upward Bound
Application Process
School Year 2013-2014

Who May Apply?
Students may apply if they will be in the 9th, 10th or 11th grades at Omaha Burke High School during the 2013-2014 academic year. Applicants must also:

● Be a potential first-generation college student (parents have not earned a four-year degree) and/or meet certain income requirements

● Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or in the U.S. for other than a temporary reason and provide evidence of their intent to become a permanent resident.

How Much Does Upward Bound Cost?
All services and activities are provided free to participants and their parents/guardians. Upward Bound pays stipends to students for their participation in the program.

The Selection Process
When Upward Bound has received all of your completed application materials, project staff will review all applications to determine eligibility. Next, staff will review all applications, essays, and recommendations of eligible students. Upward Bound is looking for students who want to go to college and have a minimum GPA of 2.0. Finally, Upward Bound participants will be selected from the pool of eligible applicants. If there are no openings at the time, the student may be placed on a waiting list. Students and their parents must attend a parent meeting prior to the student’s full admission into the program.

Upward Bound
Application Checklist

☐ I have provided all of the information requested in the application

☐ I have included my written essay

☐ My parents/guardians have completed their sections of the application.

☐ My parents/guardians and I have signed the application where requested.

☐ My parents/guardians have signed the Release of Information for Omaha Public Schools.

If you have any questions about the program or the application process, please contact us!

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STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

Student/Applicant Name:_______________________________________________________________

Last                                       First                       Middle Initial

____ Male    _____ Female              Date of Birth: ____________________________________

mm/dd/yyyy

Student ID #: _______________   Social Security Number**: ____________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________________________

Street                                           City                     State            Zip Code

Telephone: _____________________________  Cell Phone: ________________________________

Email address: _____________________________   Preferred form of contact? □ Phone □Email □Text

Family:

With whom do you live most of the time?
□ Mother and Father       □ Mother only       □ Father only       □ Mother and Stepfather

□ Father and Stepmother    □ Guardian (Relationship:_______________________________)

Parent/Guardian Name(s):_____________________________________________________________

Citizenship: (circle the one that applies)

US Citizen       Naturalized Citizen       Permanent Resident       Non-Citizen

Language:
What language do you speak in your home?
□ English       □ Both (English and _________________________________)       □ Other ________________

Do you take ESL courses at school? □ Yes      □No

Race/Ethnic Background (check all that apply):

___Native American/Alaskan Native       ___Asian
___Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander   ___Hispanic/Latino
___African American                       ___White
___Other (Specify)________________________

**We need the social security number for reporting on the reports to the Federal Government. This number is kept secured and not shared with anyone.
STUDENT’S ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Grade: ___________________ Expected Graduation Date: ___________________

Do you have an IEP at school? □ Yes □ No
(IEP is an Individual Education Program for students who have been identified with a disability)

Middle School Attended: __________________________________________________________
School presently attending if other than Burke: _______________________________________

What are your plans after high school?
☐ Attend a community college ☐ Attend a college/university
☐ Attend a vocation/technical school ☐ Military service
☐ Employment ☐ Other: __________________________________________________________

What career clusters are you most interested in?
☐ Arts and Communication ☐ Human Services
☐ Business, Management, & Technology ☐ Industrial & Engineering Technology
☐ Health Services ☐ Natural Resources & Agriculture
☐ Other: _________________________________

List the extracurricular activities in which you are involved (or plan to be involved)
Sports: ________________________________________________________________
Clubs: ________________________________________________________________
Music/Art: ___________________________________________________________
Other: ________________________________________________________________

Are you a member of the St. Luke’s Teen Center? □ Yes □ No

STUDENT’S COMMUNITY INFORMATION

List community, cultural, or volunteer activities in which you participate: _______________________

____________________________________________________________________________________

Are you employed? □ Yes □ No If so, where? ______________________________

If employed, how many hours per week do you work during the school year? ___________________

If employed, how many hours per week do you work during the summer? ____________________

Additional Information:

Does your family have a car? □ Yes □ No
Do you take the bus to school? □ Yes □ No
Does your family have a computer? □ Yes □ No
Do you have Internet access? □ Yes □ No
Are you involved with any other TRiO programs, such as Talent Search or UBMS □ Yes □ No
T-shirt/sweatshirt size □ Small □ Medium □ Large □ XLarge □ XX-Large
Recommendations:
We will be requesting referrals from one of your teachers and your counselor. Please list one teacher you have had or have in Math, Science or English from whom we can request a recommendation.

Teacher: ______________________   Subject: ___________________________

What school does this teacher teach at:____________________________________________

Burke Counselor Name (if current Burke student): _________________________________________
Middle School Counselor Name (if incoming freshmen):_____________________________________

Student’s written essay (To be completed by the applicant)

Please write a 1 page essay on why you want to be in the Upward Bound program. The essay can be hand-written or typed, but must be included with the application.

The essay can include, but does not have to, the following topics:

- Your academic, college, and career goals
- How Upward Bound can help you reach your goals
- What you hope to achieve from participating in Upward Bound
Parent/Guardian Information Form

The Upward Bound program is designed to serve low-income and first-generation students (students whose parents did not receive a bachelor’s degree). Therefore, we need to ask a couple of questions regarding your family’s income and parent’s educational level in order to determine if your child is eligible.

How many immediate family members currently live in your household? __________

Please circle annual income range*:

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*This figure should reflect your taxable income (i.e. gross income less itemized or standard deductions).

Does either parent have a Bachelor’s degree?

No        Both        Mother       Father

Certifications: (Each statement must be checked to process the application.)

___ I (We) hereby give permission for Burke to release my(our) child’s information such as grades, attendance, test scores, financial aid records, and other records to the Nebraska Methodist College Upward Bound Program. I(We) understand that data collection must and will continue after my (our) child leaves the Nebraska Methodist College Upward Bound program, according to federal regulations.

___ I (We) understand that Upward Bound will use the data provided on this application to assist in assessing the applicant’s academic and/or career planning needs. I(We) understand that all information gathered will be kept and used in strict confidence. I(We) certify that all information provided is correct to be the best of my(our) knowledge.

___ I(We) hereby give permission for my(our) child, ___________________________________________, to participate in both the school year and summer portion of the Upward Bound Program. I(We) will encourage him/her to participate in all of the activities of the program. I(We) understand that the program cannot be held responsible for all occurrences during either the school year or summer portion of the program. I(We) understand that I(we) am/are still responsible for my(our) son’s/daughter’s conduct and the consequences of his/her behavior while in the program.

___________________________                                      ________________________
Parent Signature                                                              Date

___________________________                                      ________________________
Parent Signature                                                              Date

___________________________                                      ________________________
Student Signature                                                             Date
# OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Upward Bound - Methodist College**  
**Consent to Release Student Records**  
*Complete ONE per student – please print*

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### Upward Bound Methodist College (MC)

Nebraska Methodist College is in partnership with Burke High School and St. Luke United Methodist Church Teen Center to provide the Upward Bound MC program. Our program serves high school students who are from families who meet federal income requirements, are from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor’s degree, and/or are in need of additional academic assistance. The goal of Upward Bound MC is to increase the rates at which participants complete high school, enroll in, and graduate from post-secondary education programs. To accomplish this goal, we provide tutoring, mentoring, college preparation courses, college visits, and a six-week summer program.

## Consent to Release Information

In order for the Omaha Public School District to release confidential information to help with identifying needs and developing an intervention plan, a consent form signed by the legal parent/guardian must be on file at the School District. I understand that an Upward Bound Methodist College staff member has limited access to my child’s student records on the school district’s student information system Infinite Campus. Organizations sponsoring and funding this program may receive student data in summary form.

By signing this enrollment and consent form, you consent to the following: I authorize the Omaha Public School District to allow access to or release the following student records to Upward Bound Methodist College staff:

- Family contact information
- Transcripts
- Attendance; Daily and Term
- Ongoing communications with school personnel
- Grades; Daily and Final
- Immunization records as needed for college visits

This authorization is valid for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 school year and expires:

- October 30, 2015, (for the purpose of providing end of 2014-2015 year data) or
- when my child no longer participates in Upward Bound Methodist College, or
- when my child leaves the current school, the school district, or
- when my child graduates from high school whichever is earlier.

If your child’s participation in this program continues after this date, Upward Bound Methodist College will request that you complete a new form reauthorizing the Release of Information. You may revoke this authorization at any time by submitting a letter to Upward Bound, **Nebraska Methodist College, The Josie Harper Campus**, 720 N. 87th St., Omaha, NE 68114.

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