**Upward Bound**

Upward Bound is one of the seven federally-funded educational outreach TRiO programs that seek to motivate and support low-income, first-generation students.

TRiO began as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson’s War on Poverty, known as The Educational Opportunity Act of 1964.

The purpose of the Upward Bound Program is to generate the academic skills and motivation that will enable participants to complete a secondary educational program, and enroll in and graduate from institutions of post-secondary education.

**Eligibility Criteria**

1. Has a need for academic support in order to successfully pursue post-secondary training
2. Is a low-income individual or
3. Is a potential first-generation college student or
4. Is physically handicapped and
5. Has at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average and
6. Has completed the eighth grade, but has not entered the 10th grade and is at least 14 years old, but no older than 17.

**Saturday Academy**

Students attend classes 18 Saturdays during the academic year. Classes are taught by certified High school instructors or college professors. Classes includes:

Math

English/Composition/Literature

Science

Foreign Language

College/Career Planning/Financial Aid Planning

Personal Advising

Community Service

**Summer Scholar’s Academ**y

Heldfor six weeks Monday through Friday

1. Includes Basic Skills Instruction (Math, English, Science, ACT Preparation)
2. Tutoring
3. Personal Advising
4. Workshops (Career Awareness, Financial Literacy, etc.)
5. College Visits
6. Cultural and Social Activities
7. Community Service
8. End of summer trip

**Tutoring**

Upward Bound provides tutoring on request or is mandatory for participants with a grade of “C” or below.

**Bridge Program**

Graduated seniors (of the current year) will attend the first summer term and enroll in six hours of Freshman College courses. The credits receives will be applied to the student’s transcript at South Arkansas Community College and can be transferred to any institution he/she plans to attend.

**Award Banquet/Graduation**

A recognition program is held for participants and their parents at the end of each summer session.

**Meals**

The program provides meals for all students in attendance at scheduled meetings/classes and activities during the academic and summer academies.

**Stipends** - Students receive monthly stipends for personal needs during the academic year and summer. This stipend is dependent upon attendance, participation, and satisfactory academic progress.

The program pays for all program-related expenses, including attendance at cultural activities and social events, transportation, books, etc.