



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **What is Upward Bound?**

Upward Bound at IWU is a federally funded college preparation program providing educational, social, and cultural experiences to local high school students in order to develop them in character, scholarship and leadership. The goal is to help each student find a path to college and teach them the skills and information they will need to be successful in getting a college degree.

### **When can I join Upward Bound?**

Anytime during high school, when you are at least 13 years old and entering 9th grade, but no later than the summer before senior trip.

### **Do I qualify for Upward Bound?**

You may qualify for the program if you meet income guidelines, you would be a first-generation college student (meaning no parent has a 4 year college degree) and/or you have a high risk of academic failure (meaning you did not pass your state standardized Math or English test or you have a high school GPA below 2.5).

### **Can I still join Upward Bound if I don't want to attend Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU)?**

Yes! IWU is the host for the program but there is no requirement to attend there. WE encourage you to explore all colleges. In fact, we will take you on several college visits during your time with UB. We want you to make the best college decision for you! However, while a part of UB, you will get to experience life on the IWU campus and what it would be like to attend college there.

### **What does Upward Bound provide?**

During the academic year (September - May) UB has weekly tutoring sessions, monthly workshops on various topics, and monthly educational & cultural field trips.

During the summer session, UB students have the opportunity to participate in a 6-week college experience. Students live on the IWU campus, take core academic classes, and build relationships with other students through fun experiences and trips.

### **How long do I stay in Upward Bound?**

You will officially be part of the program until you graduate from high school; however, we like to support you well into your college years.

### **Can I try Upward Bound?**

Of course! UB provides you with a 60-day probationary period during the academic year and a 10-day probationary period during the summer program. This gives you a chance to make sure that our program will fit your needs and that you are willing to commit to UB through high school.