

A photograph of a graduation ceremony at CSUSM. Graduates in red gowns are seen from behind, throwing their red mortarboards into the air. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. In the background, a large, classical-style building with a prominent arched entrance and columns is visible. The overall atmosphere is celebratory and bright.

CSUSM Upward Bound Program

Your Connection to Higher Education

What is Upward Bound?

- College Preparation Program designed to assist 9-12th grade students graduate from high school and attend the college of their choice.
- Participation is year round
- UB serves 57 students from 4 high schools
 - El Camino, Escondido, Oceanside, Orange Glen

What services does UB provide?

Academic Component

- Academic Advising
- After school tutoring
- Saturdays Scholars
- Community Service
- Cultural Activities

Summer Component

- 3 week residential at CSUSM
- Academic curriculum
 - Reading/Language Arts, Math, Science, Computers, Foreign Language
- Cultural & Social Activities
- Career/College Exploration
- Leadership Development
- A week long college tour

Academic Advising

- **One on one meeting with student and parent(s) once per semester to review:**
 - A-G Requirements
 - Grades
 - Academic Goals
 - Participation in UB

After School Tutoring

- How often?
 - 4 hours per week at your high school or the UB Office
- Why?
 - Complete homework
 - Receive help with school work
 - Develop good study habits
- Who are the tutors?
 - CSUSM college students who specialize in areas such as math, science, English, history etc...
 - You will have at least 3 tutors per tutoring session to help you.

Saturdays Scholars

- How often?
 - 6 Saturdays per semester
- Why?
 - Improve academic skills in Reading/Language Arts & Math
 - Life skills workshops (Time Management, Goal Setting, etc)
 - Prepare for college entrance exams (SAT or ACT)
 - For seniors to work on college applications, FAFSA, scholarships etc...
- How do I get there?
 - UB provides a school bus that picks up at each high school

Community Service

- **Why?**
 - An opportunity for our students to give back
 - Looks great on college applications
 - Beneficial when completing scholarship applications
- **Examples of past community service projects**
 - Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Walk
 - Oceanside Beach clean-up
 - Cardiovascular Disease Foundation

Cultural/Motivational Activities

- **Why?**
 - To develop well-rounded students
- **What kind of Cultural Events?**
 - Broadway musicals, Plays, Museums
- **What kind of Motivational Activities?**
 - Professional sporting events
 - Bowling, Movies, Amusement Parks

UB Summer Bridge

- **Why?**
 - To give an in-depth orientation to incoming freshman
 - Teach and review college admission requirements
 - Begin meeting other UB students
- **Where?**
 - Cal State San Marcos
- **How Long?**
 - 4 days (*July*)

Summer Residential Component

- Why?
 - Enrich academic skills in a college setting
 - Have first-hand college experience
 - Enhance personal growth
- Where?
 - Cal State San Marcos University Village (on-campus housing)
- What does it involve?
 - Daily academic classes, Recreational Activities, Leadership Development, Social Activities
- How Long?
 - 3 weeks (*students and staff go home every Thursday and return on Sundays*)

Who is Eligible?

- Students who are:
 - US Citizens or Permanent Residents (*must have a Social Security Card*)
- Meets one or both of the following:
 - First-generation college bound (*neither parent has completed a 4-year college degree*)
 - Family meets Federal low-income guidelines
- Must be in 8th grade and planning to attend:

- El Camino
- Escondido
- Oceanside
- Orange Glen



What else are we looking for?

- Students possessing these characteristics:
 - Academic Need
 - Academic Discipline
 - Motivation
 - Sense of Commitment
 - Appreciation of cultural diversity

How do you apply?

- Complete an application packet
 - Requires 2 letters of recommendation
 - 1-2 page essay
 - Middle school transcripts & Test Scores*
 - First 2 pages of Tax Return (1040 or 1040A) or W2's*
 - Copy of Social Security Card*
- Attend parent/student interview

**All personal information is kept confidential by UB Staff*

Frequently Asked Questions...

- **Why the long recruitment process?**
 - UB needs to know that you are COMMITTED!
- **When should I turn in my application?**
 - As Soon As Possible
- **Where do I turn in my application?**
 - To your teacher
- **How long will I be in the program?**
 - All 4 years of high school