

## AVID Center Grant Program Overview: The Upward Bound Program

**Program Description:** The Upward Bound Program provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their precollege performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits. Upward Bound serves high school students from low-income families and high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.

**Who May Apply: (by category)** Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), Local Education Agencies (LEAs), Nonprofit Organizations, Other Organizations and/or Agencies, State Education Agencies (SEAs)

**Who May Apply: (specifically)** Institutions of higher education, public and private agencies and organizations including community-based organizations with experience in serving disadvantaged youth, combinations of such institutions, agencies and organizations, and as appropriate to the purposes of the program, secondary schools.

Students must have completed the 8th grade, be between the ages of 13 and 19, and have a need for academic support in order to pursue a program of postsecondary education. All students must be either from low-income families or be potential first-generation college students. The program requires that two-thirds of the participants in a project must be both low-income and potential first-generation students. The remaining one-third must be either low-income, first-generation college students, or students who have a high risk for academic failure.

**Funding:** Awards will range from \$257,500 to \$768,622, with an average size of \$335,890 for a period of 60 months. The maximum award for new grantees is \$257,500 to serve at least 60 participants. For an applicant currently receiving a UB Program grant, the maximum award is equal to the applicant's base award amount for FY 2016. **Expected number of awards is 813.**

**Deadline:** The Upward Bound Program proposal deadline is November 28, 2016, with proposals submitted via grants.gov.

**Application Package:** The Federal Register Announcement and grants.gov Application Package can be accessed [here](#).

**Priorities:** Competitive Preference Priority: applications supported by "evidence of moderate effectiveness." Invitational Priority: "projects designed to increase opportunities for participants to earn postsecondary credits in high school." Applicants may receive three additional points for the Competitive Preference Priority. *See Federal Register Announcement for full description.*

**Performance Measures:** The success of the UB Program is measured by the percentage of UB participants who enroll in and complete postsecondary education. *See Federal Register Announcement for full description.*

## The AVID System Can Provide Academic Support for Upward Bound programs

AVID is a structured college preparatory system working directly with schools and districts to provide academic and social support for under-achieving students in grades K through 16. AVID has proven to be one of the most effective ways to increase the likelihood that a young person who comes from a low-income family will graduate from high school and go on to enroll in postsecondary education *with no need for remediation*.

AVID can be a strong component of a successful Upward Bound program:

- *AVID provides intensive professional development for educators to prepare them to implement and expand AVID*
- *AVID increases the number of students who are prepared and successful in rigorous course work such as AP/IB/dual enrollment. 92% of AVID high school graduates complete the 4-year college entrance requirements compared to 36% nationally.*
- *78% of AVID high school graduates are accepted to a 4-year college.*
- *AVID graduates persist in college at rates that outpace peers and national cohorts 88% of the AVID graduates of 2011 who enrolled in college within the first academic year after high school persisted into their second year, compared to 77% nationally.*

The AVID [Grant Writing Resources webpage](#) provides links to several documents that can be used in developing an Upward Bound application:

- The **AVID Overview 2016** includes:
  - **A description of the AVID model** which demonstrates how the *AVID Instructional Methodologies, known as WICOR (Writing to Learn, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading to Learn)* were developed to open student access to rigorous college prep coursework. The methodologies are research-based and proven effective, and they form the foundation for AVID student instruction, curriculum materials and professional development for educators.
  - **The AVID outcomes and accomplishments** including how AVID significantly closes the achievement gaps between groups of students. About 92% of AVID students complete course requirements for admission to a four-year college or university, compared to 36% nationally.
- **AVID Data and Results** demonstrate AVID's effectiveness
- **AVID Research** provides citations and data to support student success and educator professional development
- **AVID K-12 Grant Budget Development Chart** provides a template to use in calculating the proposed budget.

Further information may be accessed on the [AVID website](#) and by contacting [AVID Division staff](#).