**This application is incomplete without:**

**1) Current proof of income, 2) A copy of the student’s birth certificate, and 3) A copy of the student’s social security card attached. Please attach a copy of one of the following documents as current proof of income: Personal Statement of Family Income (enclosed) or *2016* Signed Income Tax Return *if filed*.**

**University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff**

**Upward Bound Program**

**2016-2017 Application Letter**

**Phone: (870) 575-8517**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Upward Bound is a Federal program funded by the Department of Education and are specifically designed for students **1)** whose parents’ or guardians’ income is defined as low by federal standards (see table on page 3) ***and/or* 2)** neither parent nor guardian have completed a four-year college degree. If your child meets these requirements, we welcome his/her application for this program.

The Upward Bound Program is designed to prepare high school students for general post-secondary education programs. Before filling out the application, please take time to read this letter and understand the contents in order to decide if this program will benefit your child.

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff’s Upward Bound Program serves students each year from the Dollarway, Pine Bluff, and Watson Chapel school Districts. Students must have completed the eighth grade, but have not entered the twelfth grade, Students must participate in the academic year program that consists of every other Saturday (September - May). There is also a six-week summer residential program, both of which are held on UAPB’s campus.

The **Academic Year Program** consists of Saturday School where students attend academic classes on UAPB’s campus taught by certified high school (active or retired) or college instructors. Classes include current high school academic subjects as well as ACT preparation and testing. Students who participate in the academic year program will receive a stipend for each Saturday session they attend. After a six (6) session attendance period the stipend is paid the last Saturday session of each month.

In the **summer program**, participants attend pre-college classes on UAPB’s campus

for a six-week period while living on campus for five nights and four days each week (Sunday night – Friday afternoon). Some career, academic or cultural field trips may be scheduled during this time. Students earn points throughout the year towards an end-of-the-year Summer Trip (July 18-21, 2017) based on their behavior, participation, and grades throughout the summer. They also earn a summer stipend and have an opportunity to participate in the Work-Study program. The summer program is a highly recommended component of the year, but students may receive permission in advance to be excused from summer program activities on an individual case- by- case basis. The 2017 summer program is tentatively scheduled for June 11, 2017 through July 21, 2017.

**If your child is interested in applying for this program, please read and follow these instructions carefully:**

**STEP 1:** Determine your child’s eligibility.

**ELIGIBILITY**

**To be eligible, each participant must:**

**1.** Plan to attend college

**2. Attend one of the public high schools (Dollarway, Pine Bluff High, or Watson Chapel)**

**3.** Be currently enrolled in the 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th grade

**4. Cumulative GPA 2.5 or above is recommended, but each student considered individually**

Come from families that are considered by the federal government guidelines to be low income and/or first generation. (Families may be either low income **or** first generation **or** both.)

**a. Low income** status is determined from ***taxable*** *income* (if filed, see line for taxable income on the 1040 Federal Income Tax form, or equivalent line on other forms) **and** by the number of people in the household.

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| Size of Family | Income Limitation |
| 1 | $17,820 |
| 2 | $24,030 |
| 3 | $30,240 |
| 4 | $36,450 |
| 5 | $42,660 |
| **\*** add $6240 for each additional person in household | |

Drop by the office, Suite 223 Corbin Hall, UAPB, Fax (870) 575-4656, or Mail the completed packet to: **University of Arkansas Upward Bound1200 N. University Drive, Mail Slot 4914- Corbin Hall Suite, 223 Pine Bluff Arkansas 71601**

Completion of this application packet will establish eligibility, but it does not guarantee that your child will be accepted into the program. Participants will be notified of their selection.

STEP 2: Participants who meet the eligibility requirements will be scheduled for an interview. Note: There is no application deadline. We hold interviews during School year and the summer and will continue interviewing students until openings are filled. The Academic Year Program starts September 2017.

STEP 3: After the completed application has been reviewed, participants will be notified of their acceptance into the program. Once the program reach their target numbers the program will be closed for the year and additional applications will be kept on file. The number of openings is limited to the number of graduating seniors from the previous year.

Please make sure all the forms are completely filled in with the appropriate documents attached. If you need any assistance, feel free to contact us at (870) 575-8517.

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