

## UPWARD BOUND

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are students allowed to drive to UB activities?

- *Yes, as long as they have a signed note/permission slip from parent or guardian.*

Can students bring a friend with them to UB activities?

- *No. UB activities are for participant students only.*
- *Non-UB students can attend only if invited by the program.*

What kind of supervision is provided for students during activities?

- *At least one UB staff member will be present at all activities.*

Are students evaluated in any way while in UB?

- *There are periodic reviews of all students regarding grades, and meeting of UB objectives.*
- *Students are administered the Test of Achievement and Proficiency once a year, previous to the beginning of Summer Session.*
- *The counselor evaluates the student's progress every two weeks.*

Can two siblings attend UB at the same time?

- *Yes.*

Do students get school credit for participating in UB?

- *No, but UB helps them be better prepared for school. UB also monitors students' grades closely.*

What happens at After School Sessions?

- *The In-School Contact meets with the students. Students get a light snack, they do homework and they also participate in special programs that address teen issues.*

What happens at Saturday Sessions?

- *Students are brought to the SIU campus. They attend lectures in different subjects, and then they are divided in groups by grade level to work on things like career exploration, ACT preparation, or college preparedness. Students eat lunch and then continue working on their grade level activities.*

How much is the stipend the students receive?

- *They can earn \$15 a month (attending After School Sessions and Saturday Sessions). This money is made available to the students at the Saturday Sessions.*
- *They can earn \$25 or more per grading period for keeping a "C" or better in all Math, Science, English, Foreign Language and History classes they take. This money is mailed to students after they submit a copy of their report card at the end of every marking period.*

Do students get the opportunity to visit college campuses?

- *Yes. UB organizes 3-5 college visits during the year.*

Do students have to attend Salem International University after they graduate from high school?

- *No. UB does not recruit for SIU. Students can attend any college they choose to.*

Can students participate in other school activities besides UB?

- *Yes. UB encourages students to get involved and to get exposed to different experiences. UB also encourages students to manage their time in a way that will allow them to fully meet the requirements of all the activities they participate in.*

What is UB's policy regarding smoking?

- *Students are **not** allowed to smoke during UB activities, regardless of age or parental permission.*

How does UB deal with profanity?

- *While on UB activities, students are expected to behave in a polite and courteous manner towards other UB students and the general public.*
- *If a student's language and behavior is offensive to others, that student will face consequences. Consequences may include, depending on the offense, a brief meeting with UB staff or, in serious cases, dismissal from the activity/program.*

Are students allowed to date while in UB?

- *UB students are allowed to date other UB students. However, PDA's are strongly discouraged.*
- *Any kind of sexual activity while participating in UB activities will result in consequences from a brief meeting with UB staff to dismissal from activity/program.*

How does UB meet the tutoring needs of students?

- *UB pays for the cost of tutoring.*
- *Students in need of tutoring have to find a tutor in their school or community.*
- *The tutor has to be approved by the In-School Contact and they have to fill out some paperwork.*

Does UB provide assistance with transportation?

- *UB provides transportation to most UB sponsored activities (trips, Saturday Sessions).*
- *During the summer, transportation is provided for Webster County High School students only.*
- *If transportation problems may prevent a student from participating in UB, the staff will do their best to assist that student so they can fully take advantage of UB.*

Does UB offer scholarships for its students?

- *UB does not offer any scholarships to their students. However, UB provides extensive assistance to seniors in finding and applying for scholarships.*

What other kind of assistance is provided for seniors?

- *UB offers Financial Aid workshops for students and provides financial aid support and guidance for parents.*
- *Seniors also receive extensive help in applying for colleges. UB staff assists seniors in filling out application forms. The UB office also provides seniors with fee waivers where possible so students do not have to pay an application fee at the schools they are interested in.*

What kind of ACT/SAT assistance is provided for students?

- *UB will assist students in completing the ACT/SAT registration form.*
- *Two waivers are provided for each test to all UB students so they can take the test free of cost: one waiver is provided for each test to all UB students so they can take the test their senior year.*
- *UB will also administer and score a practice test to help students identify the areas in which they need help.*
- *There is a daily course that is taught during our summer program that offers ACT/SAT preparation and skill building and workshops throughout the academic year during Saturday Sessions and After-School meetings*
- *ACT preparation materials are made available at the target schools exclusively for the use of UB students.*
- *Students are also signed up for free online ACT preparation services.*

What is the Bridge program?

- *The Bridge program is an opportunity for UB students to take college classes on the SIU campus. And earn college credits toward their graduation from most other higher ed. Institutions.*
- *The program is available the summer the students graduates.*
- *Students have to apply for this opportunity They are then interviewed and selected by the UB staff..*
- *Any student that does not put forth enough effort in the Bridge classes may be asked to withdraw from the class.*

What happens during the Summer Session?

- *Students are required to take classes in Math, Science, English, Foreign Languages, HIstory and Careers. Students also get a choice of enrichment classes such as Art, Fitness and Drama.*

How are students supervised during the summer?

- *Special staff is hired for the summer. A UB staff member is on duty every night to supervise the summer staff.*
- *The full-time summer staff to student ratio is approximately 1:6.*

What are the living arrangements during the summer?

- *There are separate areas for males and females.*

What happens if students have other activities during the summer?

- *Students are allowed to take one week off the summer program to accommodate their other activities. Taking more than one week off will jeopardize their standing in the program.*

Can students receive visitors and phone calls during the summer?

- *Only family members are allowed to visit students at the residence hall. Students can meet friends at public places on the SIU campus.*
- *It is recommended that phone calls be made in the evening, during free time. However, parents/guardians should feel free to contact the UB at any time during the day. Messages left with the UB staff will be communicated to students promptly.*

How long are classes during the Summer Session?

- *Morning classes are 100 minutes long.*
- *Afternoon classes are 2 to 3 hours long.*

How are students evaluated in the classes that they take?

- *There is a self evaluation points system. Students can earn up to 15 points depending on their performance in class.*

What is the attendance policy for classes?

- *While on the SIU campus, students are expected to attend all morning classes they have been scheduled for, unless they have a doctor's excuse recommending bed rest. If a morning class is missed it's considered a day of absence.*

What is the procedure to follow when a student does not feel well?

- *Students talk to their Summer Assistant first and then they will be referred to either the summer counselor. If a student needs to be taken to a doctor, parents will be notified as soon as possible.*

Does UB offer health insurance?

- *UB has emergency insurance only. Treatment for all preexisting conditions will be the responsibility of the parent or guardian.*

What expenses will students have during the Summer Session?

- *They will need coins or calling cards to make long distance phone calls. They may need money for their favorite snacks. Everything else is paid for by UB: meals, trips, and books.*

What happens if a student has a job outside of campus during the summer?

- *They can talk to the staff and discuss their options. An off campus job in the afternoons or evenings might be OK, but students cannot work in the mornings because attendance to morning classes is mandatory.*

Will UB report to parents if their children get in trouble during the Summer Session?

- *The staff will handle minor issues, but if a student breaks the rules too often, parents will be contacted and the student may face dismissal from the program. Discipline is explained in the "Summer Handbook" through a level system.*

Can students choose their roommate for the Summer Session?

- *Yes. It is recommended that students who want to room together put each other down first choice; otherwise there is no guarantee that they will get the roommate they want.*

What work opportunities are available during the Summer Session?

- *Juniors can be placed in jobs with different Salem area businesses. UB tries to match the jobs with the students' career clusters.*

How are students supervised during the Summer Session?

- *They have to check in at every meal.*
- *The staff will also check the classrooms every hour to make sure that everybody is in class. There is always a staff member on duty at the residence hall.*
- *Students also have to meet with their Summer Assistant at the end of the day.*
- *Students are required to check out and back in during the free time.*
- *The staff will also take attendance during skill strengthening.*

Are students allowed to bring a car to the Summer Session?

- *Yes, students can bring a car to Summer Session. However, students that have cars on campus have to turn in their keys to the staff when they check in at the beginning of the week in and they will get them back when they check out on Fridays.*
- *Students will need written permission from a parent or guardian to drive during the week.*

How much free time do students get every day?

- *There is scheduled free time, from 7:00-7:45 PM on the days that students do not go off campus for the evening activity. There are also other times when students have free time, usually before and after meals and sometimes in the afternoon and evening.*

How does the staff keep track of the students' whereabouts?

- *The staff will periodically check the residence hall, the classrooms and all other areas of the campus.*

Are students allowed to bring pets to the Summer Session?

- *No.*

How many classes do students have to take during the Summer Session?

- *At least three, from 8:30-12:00.*
- *In the afternoons they can take one, or two more classes or, if they qualify, get a job in the Salem area or on campus with Parks & Recreation/Energy Express, etc.*

What time is lights out?

- *11:30 PM*

What time do they have to get up?

*All students and on-duty staff must report to breakfast no later than 8:15 am.*