

UPWARD BOUND MATH SCIENCE PROGRAM

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Dear Applicant and Family,

You have expressed interest in the Upward Bound Math Science Program at Ramapo College of New Jersey (UBMS). This program is funded by a federal TRIO grant through the United States Department of Education. The Ramapo College Upward Bound Math Science program gives support to secondary school students (grades 10 through 12) with college potential, in the Paterson grant target schools of Eastside High School, John F. Kennedy High School, STEAM High School and Paterson Charter School for Science and Technology. It is our goal to help them successfully complete high school with the foundation and skills necessary to pursue post-secondary education in the areas of science, math and technology. While not specifically a target school, students from PCTI may apply.

Ramapo College Upward Bound Math Science is funded to admit approximately twenty (20) new students each year. The Ramapo College UBMS program is 96% federally funded by the U.S. Department of Education at a total annual amount of \$313,568 for 61 students served for the upcoming funding year. Participants are selected based on their school record, teacher recommendations, interviews, and eligibility according to federal guidelines.

Participation

Academic Year: September – June

- Students remain actively involved in program from admission to graduation (sophomore—senior year)
 - Weekly tutoring at schools: one day/week, one hour after school with high school teachers
 - Six full day Saturday sessions at the Ramapo College Campus with college professors
 - 2-3 day overnight college tour in November

Summer Residential Program

- 6 week mandatory summer residency program at the end of school in June early August
- academic program designed to help students prepare for the upcoming school year
- students dropped off at Ramapo College Sunday evening and picked up Friday by 5:00pm

Eligibility

Student applicant MUST:

- 1. Attend one of the target Paterson high schools, or reside in Paterson, depending on availability
- 2. Provide proof of U.S. citizenship or permanent residency
- 3. Provide a copy of his/her social security card
- **4.** Be eligible under at least one of the following criteria:
 - neither parent with a Bachelor's Degree, or
 - family income not more than 150% of the federally determined poverty level.

Please note that, as a government program, we are required to obtain personal information such as copies of birth certificates, legal immigrant status cards, social security cards and tax returns. This information is used solely to verify eligibility and is maintained in a confidential file.

Costs and Funding

- Program is **FREE** to selected students
- Fully funded by federal grant NO out of pocket cost to student/student's family except for misc. spending money



• grant covers all necessary supplies, books, transportation and lunch for Saturday sessions, and summer room and board; family provides summer residency transportation

Included with this letter is an application to participate in both the academic and summer programs for the duration of your high school years; you do not have to fill out a new application each year. Please read through **ALL** the application material carefully, and direct any questions or concerns to the UBMS staff.

NOTE: *Students observing* <u>Ramadan</u>: In years that Ramadan overlaps the summer program, special meal time considerations are granted to observant Muslim students.

Thank you for your interest in the Upward Bound Math Science program at Ramapo College. We look forward to learning more about your academic goals and aspirations.

Sincerely,

Sandra Suarez, Ph.D.

Director

e-mail: ssuarez@ramapo.edu telephone: (201) 684-7774

Brigid Nonas Program Assistant

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Telephone: 201-923-1723

Some words about the program from current and former students....

Ramapo Upward Bound Math & Science is where I can gain more experience with college life, thus I AM GRATEFUL TO BE A PART OF THIS PROGRAM. There are many other Upward Bound programs, but if I'm talking specifically about the Ramapo, this is the best program to be a part of because it helps me through the academic year, including every Wednesday SAT prep class, the first Saturday of each month I get to do lab work, explore colleges during the November college trip, and last but not least everything we need help with academically or socially we get it from Ramapo UBMS! Ramapo Upward Bound has helped me with many things that I can't completely convey in words, but if I had to sum it up in one phrase, it would be "how to succeed in school and college life." I've learned from UBMS that as long as we give it our all, we can do anything! The Ramapo UBMS is wonderful in every way. Classes, summer evening activities, the trips on Fridays, and the college trip in November! Spending time with them is enjoyable because everyone in the program is lovely. In conclusion, time management, self-advocacy, and the value of communication are the most significant lessons I have gained from the UBMS from my sophomore year to the present. With these abilities and knowledge, I can succeed in any aspect of my life! Being a student in the Ramapo Upward Bound Math and Science program makes me extremely happy and proud of who I am.

-Mohammed Arham, John F. Kennedy High School, class of 2024

During my first year of college I've participated in different community services through this past semester. I've also attended different workshops about career opportunities paths and other skills. I have been having a really good time here in college. And, I couldn't be here without UBMS and I'm very thankful.

Piero, John F. Kennedy High School, class of 2022, Psychology major at Stockton University

Upward Bound was one of the greatest opportunities I was able to experience in my high school years. I have grown and learned so much knowledge about college life but also myself. Honestly, this program is what made my high school experience more memorable to look back on. If I could go back to being an rising sophomore again I would, just to experience everything over again. Some may think the work is a lot but it's not, everyone that helped with the program were willing to assist if needed, which is one thing that helped a lot. One thing I would say is cherish this moment as a high school student doing this program.

Kaylah, Panther Academy, class of 2022, Photography major at Ramapo College

Being part of the Upward Bound of Ramapo College helped me a lot. I am grateful to the program because it gave me the opportunity to expand my knowledge based on the classes I took in the summer. The program specifically helped me improve my English in the sense of speaking it with other people and losing my fear. Some memorable activities for me were when we visited the universities, because it helped me to know more about all the things that I might need. Also, the evening activities allowed me to meet new people from different schools. Some important lessons I learned were to always check your emails, creating a schedule will help you organize a lot and a phrase that Ms. Nonas sent me once and stayed in my mind: "Early is on time, on time is late, and late is unacceptable."

Flavia, John F. Kennedy High School, class of 2023

Upward Bound is one of the best opportunities I've gotten to experience! This program has helped me understand and learn the material that I will have for my next school year. I've done better than ever on my state tests and have excelled in my academics. Upward Bound not only prioritizes our learning but also our mental health. This program gives us time to wind down from learning and just have fun. This program is strict but it is helpful, and they will tell you when it's time to have fun and when it's time to be serious.

Geraldine, Paterson Charter School for Science & Technology, class of 2025

Upward Bound, in my opinion, is about assisting ambitious students in accomplishing their goals. When I first joined Upward Bound, I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life after high school. Now, I am leaving for NJIT in the fall to study chemistry in hopes of one day contributing to cancer research. My time at Upward Bound has been absolutely incredible. I have developed close relationships with other students who share my interests and have benefited from the mentoring of Dr. Suarez, Mrs. Nonas, and other teachers. I particularly like the summer program because I could actually picture myself in college. It helped me realize the potential I have for the future. This program offers a lot of fantastic opportunities and hope for students.

Gisselle, Passaic County Technical Institute, class of 2023

I am very grateful to have found a program like Upward Bound. I entered Upward Bound in my junior year of high school, and it was one of the best decisions I've made. Thanks to Upward Bound, I was able to learn how beautiful and interesting physics can be, and I was also able to learn more about some stories of the Greek gods in our Latin class. Although, for me, the most amazing thing about UBMS is that they not only taught us academic things but also provided us with activities to help us socialize with our peers and counselors; one of my favorite activities was when we went fishing; without a doubt, that is a memory that will always remain in my heart. I am sure that Upward Bound summers are what I am going to miss the most from my high school experience.

Suleimy, John F. Kennedy High School, class of 2023

There are no words to describe how grateful I am for having had the fabulous opportunity to be part of the Upward Bound program. Being part of the Ramapo College Upward Bound helped me to explore and grow critical skills. Being a part of the program offered me the chance to broaden my knowledge based on the lessons I did during the summer, for which I am grateful. My writing in English has specifically improved as a result of the curriculum. Some memorable activities for me like the evening activities allowed me to meet new people from different backgrounds and have the opportunity to know them. Some important lessons I learned were to always check your emails, manage your time wisely and don't be afraid to discover new things.

Jared, John F. Kennedy High School, class of 2023

One of my best life decisions was joining Upward Bound three years ago. I've benefited both academically and socially. Ramapo helped me with science, which is the subject I struggle with the most, and also taught me how to speak up for myself throughout the academic year. Along with assisting me with my studies, Ramapo has introduced me to many new friends and taken me on numerous adventures, including ice skating and a glass-making workshop. Without Ramapo, I would not have acquired the skills necessary to advocate for myself while getting the support I needed during the school year.

Amelia, STEAM High School, class of 2024

Ramapo College Upward Bound Math Science Program

Once your **completed** application is received and evaluated, qualified applicants will be contacted to schedule an on-campus interview. **THIS IS YOUR APPLICATION CHECKLIST DO NOT return checklist with application.**

Check list My application is complete (all 4 pages) – late and/or incomplete applications may not be reviewed
I have signed the application
My parents have signed the application
I have included verification of my income,
A copy of my family's most recent tax return. Page 1 & 2 – see examples for reference (based on last year's income) and it is <i>signed by my parent</i> . NOTE: W-2 forms are NOT ACCEPTABLE.
We did not file a tax return, so have provided other documentation as proof of income (<i>eg. S</i> igned form in packet stating your income for the last year and where it came from).
I have included a copy of my Citizenship or permanent residency documentation. Acceptable forms of documentation are:
A. Birth certificate from the United States or Puerto Rico
B. <u>United States</u> passport, or
C. Permanent Resident Card / Green Card
I have included a copy of my social security card.
\square I have given the recommendation form to two of my teachers (preferably math and/or science).
I have asked my guidance counselor for my report card/school transcript.
\square I have completed the section asking about my parent's education.

Please complete the application and email it to Mrs. Nonas, bmahon1@ramapo.edu

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Hand the completed application to these guidance counselors:

Eastside – Ms. Patby
J.F.K. – Mr. Funiciello
STEAM - Ms. Wright
PCSST – Ms. Johnson or Ms. Stephenson

or

mail it to:

Ramapo College of New Jersey Upward Bound Math Science 505 Ramapo Valley Road Mahwah, NJ 07430

Please return your application as soon as possible.

Interviews will be held virtually via Google Meet once we have your application. A calendar link will be emailed to you. Please choose a time that is available for both the student AND the parent/guardian. Both need to be present for the interview.

COMPLETED student applications will be evaluated by the Upward Bound Director and Program Assistant Director and a determination made regarding whether or not an interview will be offered.

SAMPLE PAGE - do not return with application

PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Birth Certificate

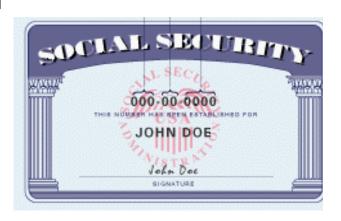
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OR Permament Residence Card (Must be Current, not expired)



Or copy of US PASSPORT

Please include a copy of your Social Security Card



Please return copies of your MOST RECENT Tax Return, pages 1-2. Page Two must be signed by a parent/guardian. Page One must have applicant listed as a Dependent. See below for reference.

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Form 1040 (2022)

Upward Bound Math Science Program Application

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References:

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This is my:

Science Teacher

Math Teacher

Guidance Counselor

Other

Applicant's Name:	School/Academy

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Household Declaration of Income

The following people, including applicant, resided in my household:

Name	Age	Relationship to Applicant
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Please answer the following questions in clear and complete sentences. Additional sheets may be used, if necessary.

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1. What is your favorite subject in school? Please explain why.
2. In your opinion, what is your greatest weakness and greatest strength (Could be academic, social, personal, etc.)? Explain.
3. What extracurricular activities/sports/jobs do you participate in?
4. What are your post high school graduation plans?
5. What careers are you thinking about? If you are not considering a math or science related field, why are you interested in participating in the Upward Bound Math Science program?

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Recommendation Form #1

(give this form to your teacher or counselor)

Reference's Name:					
What is your current position?	Math Teacher	☐ Science Tea	cher \Box Guidanc	e Counselor 🗆] Other
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Ramapo College Upward Bound Math Science Program

Recommendation Form #2

(give this form to your teacher or counselor)

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