MISSION
Owens Community College TRiO/Upward Bound is committed to supporting participants in post-secondary education in order to increase enrollment and graduation from the college.

The program helps participants succeed by providing cultural and educational opportunities that encourage both academic and personal growth. The Owens Community College TRiO/Upward Bound program is enhanced through collaborations with a variety of academic departments and student services.

PROGRAM PURPOSE
The Owens Community College TRiO/Upward Bound program is an academic pre-college program that helps prepare and motivate low-income and/or potential first-generation high school students for post-secondary education.

It is a federally funded academic program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and Owens Community College.

PROGRAM BENEFITS
• Free program
• Opportunity to enhance and gain leadership skills
• Successfully transition from high school to college.
• Assistance with college applications
• Tutoring and mentoring
• Improve grades and meet friends
• Stipends

PROGRAM GOALS
• Generate the skills and motivation necessary for success in completing high school and enrolling in post-secondary education
• Encourage youth in the program to remain in high school and graduate with diploma
• Encourage youth to enroll in a post-secondary institution and graduate with a degree

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Owens Community College
Upward Bound Program
Upward Bound Is Made Up of 3 Components

1. **ACADEMIC YEAR COMPONENT**
   - 9TH, 10TH, 11TH AND 12TH GRADES
   - Participation in college visits and educational field trips
   - Career exploration and academic advisement
   - Weekly tutoring sessions
   - Assessment and preparation for the American College Test and Ohio Graduation Test
   - Monthly workshops on the following:
     - Financial aid
     - College admission and registration process
     - Post-secondary and dual-credit enrollment
     - Scholarship assistance
     - Parental support and assistance

2. **SUMMER ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT/SKILLS COMPONENT (OWENS SUMMER PROGRAM)**
   - 9TH, 10TH, 11TH AND 12TH GRADES
   - Six-week, non-residential academic enrichment and skills enhancement program
   - Enhanced curriculum provides holistic learning
   - Waived credit through portfolio review and proficiency testing (11th and 12th graders)
   - Weekly field trips—colleges and extracurricular experiences
   - Tutoring and mentoring sessions
   - Test preparation sessions

3. **SUMMER BRIDGE FOR UPWARD BOUND RECENT GRADUATES COMPONENT**
   - RECENT UPWARD BOUND GRADUATING SENIORS
   - Six or seven-week summer program
   - Academic year-long commitment with block scheduling
   - Program incentives
   - Enhanced curriculum and waived credit for some college courses
   - Academic workshops and mentoring sessions
   
   Participants must be willing to take classes that will prepare them to take the ACT/OGT exams, as well as for admission into college

**TO BE CONSIDERED, STUDENTS SHOULD**

- Complete an application
- Submit recommendations from teachers/counselors
- Provide writing samples and essays
- Complete self-assessment, goals and career planning

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Enrolled in 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade in Rogers or Woodward High School
- Students should be eligible for free and reduced lunch or the family’s taxable income for the preceding year should meet the Federal low-income level guidelines
- Students should be potential first-generation college students. Parents do not have a 4-year college degree prior to applying to the program