



TRiO PROGRAMS:

Upward Bound and Talent Search

STUDENT APPLICATION

Submit your application by mail or fax to:

Family Centered Educational Agency, Inc.
16241 Wausau Avenue
South Holland, Illinois 60473
Fax: (708) 210-1866

Please provide the following with your completed application:

1. Current Report Card/Transcript
2. Recent State Test Results (ISAT, PLAN, EXPLORE)
3. Signed IRS 1040 forms or signed request for Transcript of Tax Return Form (4506-T)
4. School Attendance Record
5. Power School/CPS Login Information (if applicable)

Interviews will be scheduled upon receipt of your completed application

If you have any questions about this application or the programs,
please call our office at (708) 210-1771

What is Upward Bound?

Upward Bound is a college preparation program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Upward Bound is a supportive program that identifies, motivates and prepares eligible students to complete high school, enroll in, and graduate from institutions of post-secondary education. Students who complete the Upward Bound program have a higher graduation rate from college, when compared to students who do not participate in Upward Bound.

What commitments must I make?

You should be willing to actively participate in both the academic year and summer component of the Upward Bound program until graduation from high school.

Academic Year (September through May)

During the academic year, you will be responsible for attending monthly meetings. The meetings will be designed to improve your appreciation of learning while increasing your academic knowledge and skills in the areas of math, science, English and ACT/SAT preparation. Free tutoring will also be provided to assist you in academic areas where you might be experiencing difficulties. You will begin setting personal, academic and career goals that include planning for college, study skills development, test preparation, and career exploration. Opportunities to visit college campuses, participate in cultural activities and field trips, and attend special events will be also a part of your academic year experience.

Summer Non-Residential Program (June through July)

The summer non-residential program is an academically intensive six-week program that will provide you with unique opportunities to experience a wide range of educational, personal development, and social activities. You attend classes in Science, English, Math, Foreign Language, and other exciting subjects at a selected University Monday-Thursday. On Fridays you will go on a cultural field trip. You will also attend an exciting college tour trip during the last week of the summer program visiting colleges and universities out of state.

What does it cost to join Upward Bound?

Upward Bound is FREE of cost. This includes but is not limited to: tutoring sessions, classroom instruction, college visits and trips. A small stipend check will also be given to each student on a regular basis. Criteria for receiving the stipend are full participation in all Upward Bound activities and good standing within the program.

How can I become eligible to participate in Upward Bound?

1. A desire to attend a college or university and a willingness to do whatever it takes to make this dream come true;
2. A definable academic or personal development need for the program (i.e. a challenging academic environment, tutoring, career exploration, study skills, goal setting, motivation and encouragement);
3. Classification as a high school freshman (9th), sophomore (10th), or junior (11th).
4. The willingness to make a long-term commitment to the program. You are expected to remain involved until your graduation from high school;
5. Demonstration of high academic ability and/or potential;
6. Completion of Algebra I or the intention to complete Algebra I by the end of your 9th grade year;
7. Ability to secure transportation to all required academic year Saturday sessions and summer sessions at FCEA (Upward Bound will do as much as possible to help organize carpools, etc.);
8. You MUST meet at least one of the two criteria below to be eligible for membership:
 - Be a potential first generation college student. A student is considered first generation if neither parent or guardian with whom the student lives has not completed a four year college degree;
 - The student's family meets the federal income guidelines. The guidelines look at both the "taxable income" (Line 43 on the IRS 1040, Line 6 on the 1040EZ, line 27 on the 1040A forms) of the parent/guardian that the student currently lives with, and the number of people in the household. Any student applicant that is currently in foster care is automatically income eligible.



What Is Talent Search?

Talent Search

Talent Search is a program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Talent Search is a supportive program that identifies and assists individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who have the potential to succeed in higher education. The goal of Talent Search is to increase the number of youth from disadvantaged backgrounds who complete high school and enroll in and complete their postsecondary education. Students who complete the Talent Search program have a higher graduation rate from college, when compared to students who do not participate in Talent Search.

Academic Year

During the academic year, meetings will be designed to improve your appreciation of learning while increasing your academic knowledge and skills in the areas of math, science, English and ACT/SAT preparation. Free tutoring will also be provided to assist you in academic areas where you might be experiencing difficulties. You will begin setting personal, academic and career goals that include planning for college, study skills development, test preparation, and career exploration. Opportunities to visit college campuses, participate in cultural activities and field trips, and attend special events are also a part of your academic year experience.

What does it cost to join Talent Search?

Talent Search is FREE of cost. This includes but is not limited to: tutoring sessions, classroom instruction, college visits and trips.

How can I become eligible to participate in Talent Search?

1. A desire to attend a college or university and a willingness to make this dream come true;
2. A definable academic or personal development need for the program (i.e. a challenging academic environment, tutoring, career exploration, study skills, goal setting, motivation and encouragement);
3. Classification as a student between the ages of 11 and 27 and have completed the fifth grade.
4. The willingness to make a long-term commitment to the program.
5. Demonstration of high academic ability and/or potential;
6. Completion of Algebra I or the intention to complete Algebra I by the end of your 9th grade year;
7. You MUST meet at least one of the two criteria below to be eligible for membership:
 - Be a potential first generation college student. A student is considered first generation if neither parent or guardian with whom the student lives has not completed a four year college degree;
 - The student's family meets the federal income guidelines. The guidelines look at both the "taxable income" (Line 43 on the IRS 1040, Line 6 on the 1040EZ, line 27 on the 1040A forms) of the parent/guardian that the student currently lives with, and the number of people in the household. Any student applicant that is currently in foster care is automatically income eligible.



TRiO Participant Application

Please Type or Print in Blue or Black Ink.

PROGRAM (Select One):	<input type="radio"/> Talent Search <input type="radio"/> Upward Bound
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TRiO

STEP 1 - STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name: <input type="text"/>			First Name: <input type="text"/>			Middle Initial: <input type="text"/>		
Street Address: <input type="text"/>							Apartment#: <input type="text"/>	
City: <input type="text"/>		State: <input type="text"/>		Zip: <input type="text"/>		Student E-Mail: <input type="text"/>		
Student's Phone Numbers:		Parent/Guardian's Phone Numbers:		Parent /Guardian's E-Mail:				
(H) <input type="text"/>		(H) <input type="text"/>		School/College currently attending:				
(W) <input type="text"/>		(W) <input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>				
(C) <input type="text"/>		(C) <input type="text"/>		School Student ID# (if applicable): <input type="text"/>				
Social Security Number: <input type="text"/>							Grade Level: <input type="text"/> G.P.A at time of application: <input type="text"/>	

STEP 2 – STUDENT INFORMATION

<input type="radio"/> Hispanic <input type="radio"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native <input type="radio"/> Asian		<input type="radio"/> Black of African American <input type="radio"/> White <input type="radio"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		Gender: <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female		Birth Date: ____/____/____ Age: ____ Graduation Year: ____	
Do you have an IEP (Individualized Educational Plan) or RTI (Response To Intervention) on file with the school/district? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No							
Are you currently participating in any other TRiO programs? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No If you answered yes, please select the names of the program(s): <input type="radio"/> Upward Bound <input type="radio"/> Upward Bound Math-Science <input type="radio"/> Veterans Upward Bound <input type="radio"/> Educational Opportunity Centers <input type="radio"/> Gear UP <input type="radio"/> Talent Search <input type="radio"/> Other: <input type="text"/>							

STEP 3 – STUDENT INFORMATION

Are you a U.S. Citizen? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			
If you are not a U.S. Citizen, are you a Permanent Resident? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		Enter Permanent Resident Alien Number: <input type="text"/>	
Are you in foster care? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		Are you homeless? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	

STEP 4 – PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Has your father received/earned a four-year degree? If yes, name of school <input type="text"/> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		Has your mother received/earned a four-year degree? If yes, name of school <input type="text"/> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
Which parent did you regularly reside with and receive support from during your childhood (i.e., until you were 18 years old)?		<input type="radio"/> Mother <input type="radio"/> Both Mother and Father <input type="radio"/> Father <input type="radio"/> Neither Mother nor Father	

STEP 5 – STUDENT INFORMATION

If you are at least 24 years old, ignore the questions in STEP 5 and skip ahead to STEP 6.

If you are less than 24 years old, answer the questions in STEP 5 and then go to STEP 6.

Are you in college and working on a master's or doctorate program (e.g., M.A., MBA, MD, JD, PhD, Ed.D)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Are you married?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Are both of your parents deceased, or are you (or were you until age 18) a ward/dependent of the court?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

STEP 6 – PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

You must answer the questions in STEP 6 if you are at least 24 years old or you answered **YES** to any of the questions in STEP 5.

Your parent(s) must answer the questions in STEP 6 if you are less than 24 years old and you answered **NO** to all of the questions in STEP 5.

Note: If you are a college student and dependent on your parents (i.e., you are less than 24 years old and you answered **NO** to all of the questions in STEP 5), speak with your FCEA advisor.



STEP 6 (Continued) – PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

What is the total number of persons in your family?

Please select **one** of the following three boxes:
☐ My family's **taxable (not total)** income from the last calendar year was:

(Note: Your taxable income can be found on the federal income tax return you filed for the last calendar year. On IRS Form 1040, see line 10.)

☐ I attest that my family did not file a federal income tax return for the last calendar year. My family's income was:

☐ I attest that my family had no taxable income for the last calendar year.
STEP 7**Read, sign, and date.**

By signing this application, you attest that all the information on this application is true. Moreover, you authorize the release of official school records to The Family Centered Educational Agency, understanding that the information in these records will be used only to assess the student's need for program services, discern his/her educational progress, evaluate the effectiveness of program activities, and fulfill program reporting requirements. Also I authorize for any pictures/videos taken in connection with the activities of the FCEA TRiO Programs (Upward Bound and Talent Search) to be used in publications. (*i.e., newsletters, television, websites, presentations, magazines articles etc.*)

Student's/Participant's Signature

Date: ____ / ____ / ____
MM DD YYYY

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date: ____ / ____ / ____
MM DD YYYY(Parent's signature is required if applicant is **less than 24 years old** and answered **NO** to all of the questions in STEP 5.)**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**The **20** ____ federal TRiO programs for low-income level for a family unit with ____ members is:
☐ Recommended Approval
☐ Not Recommended
 Reason: ____

☐ Recommended Approval
☐ Not Recommended
 Reason: ____

☐ Approved
☐ Denied
 Reason: ____

Advisor (Print Name)

Principal Investigator or Designee (Print Name)

Director (Print Name)

Advisor (Signature)

(Date)

Principal Investigator or Designee Signature/Date)

Director (Signature)

(Date)

Date of Application Entry into Database: ____ / ____ / ____

Initials of Data Entry Staff: ____

Eligibility: LI & FG LI ONLY LI & At Risk FG ONLY AT RISK ONLY FG & At Risk LI, FG & At Risk OTHER: ____At Risk Reason: RLA/Math Scores: ____ Low GPA: ____ Pre-Algebra/Algebra Not Successfully Completed by 10th Grade: ____**Project (Circle One):** TS – Thornton TS – Thornwood UB – Awesome UB – Senior UB – Rising UB – Promise UBMS -- CC



The Family Centered Educational Agency, Inc.
16241 Wausau Avenue – South Holland, Illinois 60473
Phone: (708) 210-1771 – Fax: (708) 210-1866 – Website: www.familycentered.org

Name _____ School _____ Grade Level _____

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY. (You may check more than one in each category)

_____ I am undecided about my choice of career and would like assistance/information about careers.

_____ My career choice is: _____

_____ I would like information on the following careers: _____

_____ My grade point average is _____. (If unknown, contact your guidance counselor.)

_____ I would like assistance with study skills/test taking skills.

_____ I would like assistance with essay writing.

_____ I would like assistance with Algebra.

_____ I would like assistance with communication skills.

_____ I would like assistance with preparation for the Pre-ACT/PSAT.

_____ I would like assistance with preparation for the ACT/SAT.

_____ I need assistance in deciding whether or not I should re-test for the ACT.

_____ I plan to re-test for the ACT on the following date: _____

_____ I have not taken the ACT.

_____ I will take the ACT for the first time on the following date: _____

_____ I would like a tutor to assist me with _____

_____ I would like assistance in choosing a school to attend after high school graduation.

_____ I would like information on the following schools: _____

_____ I plan on attending vocational/technical/trade school.

_____ My school choice is: _____

_____ I would like information on admission requirements for the following school: _____

_____ I would like financial aid assistance.
 _____ I would like information about the financial aid programs available.
 _____ I would like information about scholarships.

_____ I would like personal counseling.

_____ I need to talk to a counselor about a career plan.

<input type="checkbox"/> I need to hand in homework on a more consistent basis.	<input type="checkbox"/> I need help applying for scholarships.
<input type="checkbox"/> I need to learn how to take better notes.	<input type="checkbox"/> I need to talk to counselors about career plans.
<input type="checkbox"/> I need to learn test taking strategies.	<input type="checkbox"/> I need to know how to prepare for careers that interest me.
<input type="checkbox"/> I need to learn how to read a textbook more effectively.	<input type="checkbox"/> I need assistance preparing for college entrance exams.
<input type="checkbox"/> I need to have better relationships with my teachers.	<input type="checkbox"/> I need to learn more about college admission requirements.

MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

The following information is requested to provide the TRiO Program staff with information necessary in the event of an accident, emergency, medical or health problems.

Student's Name _____ Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Address _____
(Number and Street/PO Box, City, State and ZIP Code)

Phone Number (H) _____ (W) _____ (Cell) _____

Parent/Guardian's Email Address: _____

Relative or family friend who can be contacted in the event parents cannot be reached:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

Student Medical History and Information

Medications (please list) _____

Does your child have any condition, which would interfere with his/her schoolwork, sports, or physical education (i.e. asthma, diabetes, allergies, etc.)? _____

Physician's Name: _____ Clinic Address/Phone: _____

Health Insurance Information

Insurance Company: _____ Policy/Card/ID# _____

Client ID# _____ Physician's Phone# _____

Consent or Release for TRiO Programs (Circle One): Upward Bound or Talent Search

I, _____, am the parent or guardian of _____
I hereby consent that the above named minor has my permission to participate in the activities planned in conjunction with the FCEA TRiO programs. I hereby recognize that there may be risks involved with respect to the activities in this program. I hereby assume such risks, and release the Family Centered Educational Agency, Inc., its agents, employees, or students of any liability. I hereby consent that such physician, hospital, or clinic may treat the said minor in response to the medical emergency. I agree to pay all medical expenses incurred.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date



APPLICANT ESSAY

[illegible]

ACADEMIC NEED FOR SERVICES RECOMMENDATION FORM

Student's Name: _____ High School or Grammar School: _____

Congress established a series of programs to provide the opportunity for low-income and disabled Americans to enter college, graduate and move on to participate more fully in America's economic and social life. These programs help people from low-income households and first-generation college students prepare for higher education. This student has submitted an application for participation in FCEA's TRiO Program (***Circle One***): Upward Bound or Talent Search. We will use the following responses to determine academic need for the program.

In my opinion _____ the student has an academic need for one or more of the following services:
(Print Name of Person Completing the Form)

Yes	No	Service	Yes	No	Service
		Academic Tutoring			College Admissions
		ACT/SAT Preparation			Cultural Activities
		Assistance into Postsecondary Education			Financial Aid Assistance
		Campus Visits (Career Awareness)			Financial Literacy
		Core Curriculum Instruction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language Arts • Mathematics • Foreign Language 			Test Taking Strategies

Could the student benefit from additional academic assistance in order to prepare for success at the post-secondary education level? ____Yes ____No

What observations can you make about the student's qualities as a person overall (i.e., peer relationships, integrity, leadership potential, etc.)? Are there any particular strengths or weaknesses of which we should be aware? (Feel free to continue writing on the back of this page).

Signature of Person Completing Recommendation

Title/Position

Date



Why We Ask For IRS Form 4506-T

The information from your tax transcript is used in lieu of a copy of your filed income tax return.

Family Centered Educational Agency, Inc. uses the information from your tax transcript to verify the federal mandated income eligibility requirements for your child's acceptance into the TRiO programs (Upward Bound or Talent Search). This information is kept in the strictest confidence and due diligence is used to ensure that your personal information is kept confidential.

For your convenience, we have attached a copy of the IRS Form 4506-T. If applicable, please complete it and return it to us along with your application.

Thank you.



Form **4506**

(Rev. September 2015)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Request for Copy of Tax Return**

- **Do not sign this form unless all applicable lines have been completed.**
 ► **Request may be rejected if the form is incomplete or illegible.**
 ► **For more information about Form 4506, visit www.irs.gov/form4506.**

OMB No. 1545-0429

Tip. You may be able to get your tax return or return information from other sources. If you had your tax return completed by a paid preparer, they should be able to provide you a copy of the return. The IRS can provide a **Tax Return Transcript** for many returns free of charge. The transcript provides most of the line entries from the original tax return and usually contains the information that a third party (such as a mortgage company) requires. See **Form 4506-T, Request for Transcript of Tax Return**, or you can quickly request transcripts by using our automated self-help service tools. Please visit us at IRS.gov and click on "Get a Tax Transcript..." or call 1-800-908-9946.

1a Name shown on tax return. If a joint return, enter the name shown first.	1b First social security number on tax return, individual taxpayer identification number, or employer identification number (see instructions)
2a If a joint return, enter spouse's name shown on tax return.	2b Second social security number or individual taxpayer identification number if joint tax return
3 Current name, address (including apt., room, or suite no.), city, state, and ZIP code (see instructions)	
4 Previous address shown on the last return filed if different from line 3 (see instructions)	
5 If the tax return is to be mailed to a third party (such as a mortgage company), enter the third party's name, address, and telephone number.	

Caution: If the tax return is being mailed to a third party, ensure that you have filled in lines 6 and 7 before signing. Sign and date the form once you have filled in these lines. Completing these steps helps to protect your privacy. Once the IRS discloses your tax return to the third party listed on line 5, the IRS has no control over what the third party does with the information. If you would like to limit the third party's authority to disclose your return information, you can specify this limitation in your written agreement with the third party.

6 Tax return requested. Form 1040, 1120, 941, etc. and all attachments as originally submitted to the IRS, including Form(s) W-2, schedules, or amended returns. Copies of Forms 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ are generally available for 7 years from filing before they are destroyed by law. Other returns may be available for a longer period of time. Enter only one return number. If you need more than one type of return, you must complete another Form 4506. ► _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Note: If the copies must be certified for court or administrative proceedings, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	
7 Year or period requested. Enter the ending date of the year or period, using the mm/dd/yyyy format. If you are requesting more than eight years or periods, you must attach another Form 4506. _____ _____	

8 Fee. There is a \$50 fee for each return requested. Full payment must be included with your request or it will be rejected. Make your check or money order payable to "United States Treasury." Enter your SSN, ITIN, or EIN and "Form 4506 request" on your check or money order.	
a Cost for each return	\$ 50.00
b Number of returns requested on line 7	
c Total cost. Multiply line 8a by line 8b	\$

9 If we cannot find the tax return, we will refund the fee. If the refund should go to the third party listed on line 5, check here ☐

Caution: Do not sign this form unless all applicable lines have been completed.

Signature of taxpayer(s). I declare that I am either the taxpayer whose name is shown on line 1a or 2a, or a person authorized to obtain the tax return requested. If the request applies to a joint return, at least one spouse must sign. If signed by a corporate officer, 1 percent or more shareholder, partner, managing member, guardian, tax matters partner, executor, receiver, administrator, trustee, or party other than the taxpayer, I certify that I have the authority to execute Form 4506 on behalf of the taxpayer. **Note:** For tax returns being sent to a third party, this form must be received within 120 days of the signature date.

☐ **Signatory attests that he/she has read the attestation clause and upon so reading declares that he/she has the authority to sign the Form 4506.** See instructions.

Phone number of taxpayer on line 1a or 2a

Sign Here

Signature (see instructions)	Date
Title (if line 1a above is a corporation, partnership, estate, or trust)	
Spouse's signature	Date

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see page 2.

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